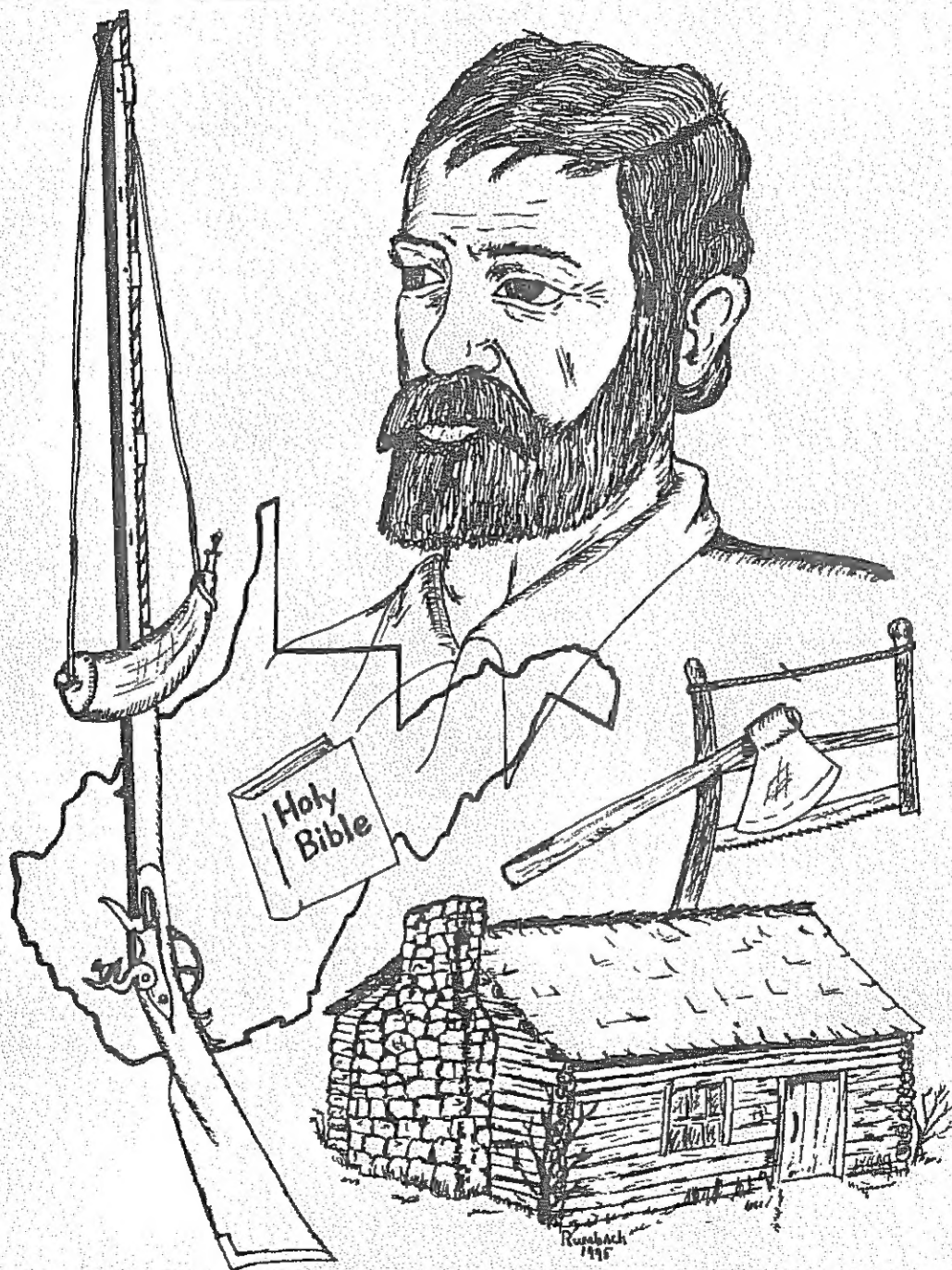


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## *Dear Cousins and Friends:*

Here we are, at last! The first issue of the eighteenth volume of the Journal. Who would have "thunk" we would grow this old (we're in our 19th year) or have so many members!!! Welcome back, all you who have been with us through good days and not-so-good ones. And, welcome, all of you who have joined for 1999-2000. We're glad to have you.

As I helped proofread this issue, I was both impressed and dismayed: impressed by the fine work being done by Linda MEYERS, Dan HYDE, Nancy JACKSON, and others of the Jackson-Brake-Arnold connection and dismayed because other families aren't doing quite the job that could be done in getting their research and families histories to Perry "Buzz" BRAKE for publication in the Journal.

More than one or two or three of our members have submitted their genealogies to Family Tree Maker for publication on the FTM website and on Broderbund disks. Very few take time to enhance that genealogical information with interesting sidelights and submit it to Buzz Brake for publication in the Journal. It's fine to send the "genealogical report," or GEDCOM, or whatever it might be called to the library for inclusion in our computerized or hard-copy files...but we could all gain so much more from addition of a personal touch with anecdotes and other factual information. And don't forget, if we publish all or any part of your genealogical information in any format, ***we must have your written permission.***

If you use any computer genealogy program (FTM, Brothers Keeper, etc.), a few simple commands will create your report as a "Genealogy Report" (called by similar names in different genealogy programs) and allow you to save it as a word processing file. Using that file as a base, you can add the enhancements along with references. Although Linda, Dan, and Nancy didn't use genealogical reports as the base for their articles in this Issue of HCJ, their articles give one a good idea of what the finished product might look like. If you want to submit an article or have any questions about any of these procedures, contact either Buzz (Pudljumper@aol.com) or me at the library by phone (304-269-7091) or e-mail hcpd.lewisco@westvirginia.com.

Murphy's Law says: "When one names names, one is liable to leave someone out and embarrass oneself!" I didn't adhere to the law and fell victim to it. In the last issue, I mentioned the names of some of our volunteers. Sure enough, I left some out! No slights were intended. I'll just say, "Thanks, volunteers, for all you do." (Continued on page 10.)





# Dr. Edward Brake JACKSON

1793-1826

by Linda **BRAKE MEYERS**, June 1999



*Ed. Note: This article is in three segments, all submitted by member Linda **BRAKE MEYERS**. The first, written by Linda, chronicles the life of Dr. Edward Brake **JACKSON** of Clarksburg, WV and mentions two prominent men who are the subjects of the second and third segments. The segment on John Curtiss **UNDERWOOD** was written by John M. **JACKSON**, and the final segment on Alexander Cameron **HUNT** was also written by Linda.*

Dr. Edward Brake **JACKSON**, congressman and physician, was born in Clarksburg, (West) Virginia on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 1793, a son of Colonel George and Elizabeth **BRAKE JACKSON**. He lived only thirty-three short years but led an active and full public life.

Dr. Jackson received his education at Randolph Academy, Clarksburg, under the direction of Rev. George **TOWERS**, principal. He then studied medicine under his brother-in-law, Dr. William **WILLIAMS**.

After the surrender of Detroit in the fall of 1812, Dr. Jackson volunteered as a mounted rifleman in this war with Great Britain, after which he was detailed as surgeon's mate in the Third Regiment of Virginia, serving at Fort Meigs in northern Ohio. Later he declined an appointment as surgeon in the U.S. Army.

**JACKSON** represented his county as a member of the House of Delegates of the General Assembly of Virginia in 1815. He was clerk of the U. S. District Court and served in Congress from 1820-23, having been chosen to fill the vacancy after James **PINDALL** resigned. Later, **JACKSON** was elected to a full term as a Democrat in the U.S. House of Representatives from Virginia (16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Congress), his term expiring on 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1823. It is to the credit of Dr. **JACKSON** and Rep. **McWHORTER** that the county of Lewis, (West) Virginia was created. **JACKSON** declined another term in 1822 possibly because of failing health.<sup>1</sup>

In 1820, in Clarksburg, **JACKSON** associated with Dr. William **WILLIAMS**,<sup>2</sup> his brother-in-law, and advertised his business in the *Republican Compiler* on 21<sup>st</sup> of July 1820. And, in 1822, he served on the Board of Trustees of Randolph Academy.

It is a tradition in the **JACKSON** family that Edward married Miss Anna **TODD** around 1812, the second marriage to take place in the White House.<sup>3</sup> Miss Todd was a

<sup>1</sup> *Harrison County Physicians 1782-1977, History of Medicine in Harrison County, p. 437-438.*

<sup>2</sup> **WILLIAMS** was the first physician to permanently locate in Harrison County. (ibid)

<sup>3</sup> In the early 1990's Harriet **PIPER** called the White House archivist, Rex **SCOUTEN**, to inquire about this marriage. He informed her that the second marriage in the White House was not a **JACKSON-TODD** wedding.



cousin to Dolly Payne **TODD MADISON**,<sup>4</sup> the wife of President James Madison.<sup>5</sup> A search of the White House archives and early newspapers of Washington DC fail to verify this marriage, however.<sup>6</sup> The George **JACKSON** family Bible record, meanwhile, lists only one marriage for Edward, to Elizabeth **GIBSON**. No additional references to Anna **TODD JACKSON** have been located.

**JACKSON'S** marriage to Elizabeth E. **GIBSON**<sup>7</sup> probably took place around the 23<sup>rd</sup> June of 1817 in Fauquier County, Virginia. On this date, in Warrenton, Fauquier County, Virginia, E. B. **JACKSON** and William **GIBSON** took a bond of intent to marry.<sup>8</sup>

In early fall of 1826, Dr. **JACKSON** left Clarksburg to seek the medical benefits of the healing waters found in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. It is obvious from his detailed will that he intended to return to his family and medical practice. He died on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 1826 and was probably buried near Bedford, Pennsylvania,<sup>9</sup> but not before making provisions for his wife and children and disposing of his entire estate right down to his suit of clothing, which he left to George J. **WILLIAMS**.<sup>10</sup> He appointed Elizabeth E. **JACKSON** and George J. **WILLIAMS** guardians of his children, and he freed his servants, John and Jenny, after they safely escorted his wife, Elizabeth, and her children, to Mr. **GIBSON'S** home in Fauquier County, Virginia.<sup>11</sup> His will, written and first probated in Bedford County, can be found in the courthouse at Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Virginia.<sup>12</sup>

Upon Dr. **JACKSON'S** death, the Clarksburg Intelligencer offered this eulogy:"

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<sup>4</sup> This relationship was through Dolly's first marriage to John **TODD**, Jr. (1790). She married James **MADISON** in September 1794, after her John's death.

<sup>5</sup> Thomas **JEFFERSON** was President from 1801-09. During the early years of his administration Dolly assisted at the White House when the President asked her help in receiving ladies. Dolly was a sister to the wife of John George **JACKSON**, brother of E. B. **JACKSON** and the **JACKSON-MADISON** family had a close relation.

<sup>6</sup> Recently the genealogical material from the *National Intelligencer*, the early newspaper in Washington, D.C., has been abstracted and indexed and published by Heritage. A search of these publications from pre-1800 until the year of Jackson's second marriage show no reference to this wedding which is said to have made headline news. (LMB). In November of 1929, Louise Latimer, author of *Your Washington and Mine*, in a letter to Roy Bird **COOK**, Jackson biographer, stated, "All the clipping material on White House weddings give this wedding (E.B. **JACKSON** -Anna **TODD**) as the second in the White House. All the papers speak of the wedding as a brilliant affair and that the modest little Quakeress, Anna **TODD**, was somewhat horrified at the elegance and costliness of the event." (*Sunday Exponent Telegram*, 29 Dec. 1929). No such clippings are in the archives at the White House (response from Mr. **SCOUTEN**, Archivist, fall 1991).

<sup>7</sup> Hunter **BENNETT'S** papers indicate that Elizabeth was related to Julia **BECKWITH NEALE**, wife of Jonathan **JACKSON**, father of Stonewall.

<sup>8</sup> Fauquier Co., VA Clerk's Office, Warrenton, VA; William **GIBSON**, father.

<sup>9</sup> Weather at this time of the year would not permit the transportation of a body a great distance.

<sup>10</sup> Relationship to George J. **WILLIAMS** is unclear. He may have been a son of Dr. **WILLIAM** and Catherine **JACKSON WILLIAMS**.

<sup>11</sup> The fact that all of the children went with Elizabeth to live with the **GIBSON** family is a good indication that they were all Elizabeth's children.

<sup>12</sup> Will Book 4: 134; 11 Sept 1826 and 2 Dec. 1826

"In all the various stations to which he was called he supported with credit to himself the interest and honor of the District he represented. The death of such a man is both a national and a private loss. Peace to his ashes."<sup>13</sup>

#### Family of Edward Brake JACKSON

Note: Lack of punctuation in Edward's will caused a problem determining the names of the children. Listed are: Maria Flora Virginia George William and Alfred. From an 1837 Lewis County, (W)V chancery case listing the heirs of George JACKSON, it appears that there were only four heirs of E. B. JACKSON; Maria, Flora Virginia, George William/s and Edward Alfred.<sup>14</sup>

1. Maria Gloria JACKSON b. aft June 1817 – bef Sept 1826 pr. Clarksburg, Harrison Co., WV; in Herkimer, NY; (D.A.R. record #21931); d. July 1884 pr. Washington, DC; bur. Congressional Cem., Arlington, VA 2 Jan 1874; burial site 81/313; m. 21 Oct. 1839, Valley View, Fauquier Co., VA Judge John Curtis UNDERWOOD. b. 14 Mar 1809 Litchfield, Herkimer CO., NY, s/o John and Mary Curtis UNDERWOOD; d. 7/8 Dec 1873 Washington, DC; bur. 2 Jan 1874 Congressional Cem. site 81/313-314(Public Vault 12/9/1873)<sup>15</sup>

"Judge UNDERWOOD of the U. S. District Court in Richmond, Va, died on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst of apoplexy. During the war, and since, he has been extensively connected in public affairs, and as a result made warm friends and bitter enemies. In his own State, Virginia, he was an early and bitter opponent of the rebellion. He was well known in our own State. His most violent enemies concede him more decision of character and much more ability now than they believed him to possess which he when he first rose to the surface as a public man." *"Weekly State Journal", Parkersburg, WV, 18 December 1873, pg 2 col. 4*

1. Flora Virginia b. 7 Oct. 1840 Fauquier Co., VA; d.18 Sept. 1841 Herkimer, N.Y. (UFOA)<sup>16</sup>
2. Edward Jackson b. 13 Dec. 1842 Herkimer, NY; bur. 1 May 1907 Congressional Cem., Arlington, VA; site 82/312; m. 2 May 1872 at Rockford, IL, Mary Alice HORSMAN Res. Washington D C.
  - a. John Curtis b. 26 July 1874 Rockford, IL: res. New York City.
3. Alice Elizabeth b. 13 July 1850 Herkimer, NY; buried 6 May 1920 Congressional Cem. Arlington, VA; site 82/314 m. 3 June 1889 Quebec, Canada (UFOA) (IGI has Colorado Springs, El Paso, CO) Alexander Cameron HUNT b. 25 Dec. 1825 in Hammondsport, NY; d. 14 May 1894 Washington, DC; burial site: 82/314: interment date same as death date?
 

(UFOA : Governor HUNT is dead and his widow lives at "Gloria Point," Tenallytown, D. C. )

<sup>13</sup> *Clarksburg Intelligencer*, 23 Sept. 1826; Haymond, *History of Harrison County*, p. 382.

<sup>14</sup> Daniel POST vs. George JACKSON heirs. 1837 drawer. chancery records. Lewis Co. courthouse. Weston. WV.

<sup>15</sup> Index of Interments Congressional Cemetery, 1992 – per Patricia L. SHEETZ- researcher

<sup>16</sup> UFOA: UNDERWOOD, Lucien Marcus, *The Underwood Families of America*, edited by Howard J. BANKER. Salem, Mass.: Higginson Book Co., 199? : originally published in 1913, Lancaster, PA; New Era Printing Co.

- a. Gloria John **HUNT** b. 2 Jan 1891 Washington D. C. (UFOA); may have died in 1918. single. (there is a Glenna J. **HUNT** listed in the Congressional Cem. Index buried 13 Oct 1918 buried at the same site: 82/313)
2. Flora Virginia **JACKSON** d. 1903; m. 13 Oct. 1843 Fauquier Co. VA Dr. Erasmus D. **FORCE/FOREE** of New Orleans.<sup>17</sup>
  1. Edward
  2. Son
  3. Son
  4. Ida m. Dr. George **BOLLING**
    - a) Alfred Forcee **BOLLING**
    - b) Mildred **BOLLING** married Hunt C. **SMITH**

George **WILLIAM/s** b. ca 1823 Harrison Co., (W)VA; m. by John W **PUGH** 31 Dec 1868 Annie **ROBINSON** b. ca 1846 Fauquier Co. VA, d/o Samuel & Caroline A. **ROBINSON**<sup>18</sup>

3. Edward Alfred

Will of Edward Brake **JACKSON**: *Harrison County, West Virginia Will Book 4:134.*

*(Ed. Note: Spelling and punctuation are as transcribed from the original document.)*

I Edward B **JACKSON** of Clarksburg Harrison County Virginia being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will an testament. Said first I appoint my Brother William L **JACKSON** as my executor by this my Testament to do and perform all things appertaining to Executors. Secondly To sell and convey by special warranty two thousand acres of Lands conveyed to me by Elijah **ARNOLD** and wife Wither in hole or in part and upon such terms and for such payments as to same may seem best the proceeds to be applied to the payment of my debts the balance if any to the support and education of my Children also one thousand acre of land in Nicholas County upon the same Terms and conditions and for the same purpose. The small debts due and coming to me I direct to be applied in addition to the forgoing also to the payment of my debts ---I direct if necessary for the payment of my debts all the personal property which I left at Clarksburg upon my leaving that place upon a visit to the Bedford Springs to be applied for that purpose and in the want of them being sufficient without I give and Bequeath it to my wife Elizabeth E **JACKSON**. Thirdly I do hereby appoint Elizabeth E **JACKSON** my wife and George J **WILLIAMS** to be the Guardians of my Children Maria Flora Virginia George William and Alfred Fourthly It is my will and desire that the land now in the possession of Michael **DUNN** known by the name of the Coal Bank Tract and the land purchased of William L **JACKSON** known by the name of the Monticella Spring Tract and also that house and lot lying in Clarksburg purchased of Peter **LYNCH** be lit and rented the proceeds to be applied to the Education and support of my Children above named during their minority and when they arive at adult age to be equally divided amongst them. Fifthly It is my will and desire that the debts due and owing to me by Warren Jones for the Purchase of the stone house and

<sup>17</sup> p. 69 Fauquier Cty Va Marriage Bonds 1759-1854, Marriage Returns, 1785-1848 by John K. **GATE**, Heritage Books, Inc. (d/o Edward B. Jackson)

<sup>18</sup> *Fauquier County Marriages 1854-1880* by Dee Ann **BUCK**: George W. **JACKSON**. 45 years of age. single. born in Harrison Co. VA. living in Warrenton. VA. lawyer. parents Edward B. & Elizabeth **JACKSON**. married on 31 Dec 1868 to Annie **ROBINSON** 22 years of age. single. born and living in Fauquier Co. VA. parents Samuel & Caroline A. **ROBINSON**. married by John W **PUGH**.)

lot in Clarksburg also a back lot and stable amounting to near twenty one hundred dollars and also the debts owing to me by William and Joseph Johnson amounting to \$560 all and both of which when collected to be invested in the purchase of Lands in either of the states of Indiana Illinois or Missouri upon and near the Great rout for the National Roads which said lands is to be equally divided between my aforesaid Children when they shall have attained adult age ..and also the debts coming to me from Robert CHILDERS amounting to \$420 to applied as above for the purchase of Lands in the same manner as aforesaid all of which purchases to be made by the Guardians of my Children . Sixthly to my servants John and Jenny I give their freedom after they shall attend my family to Mr. GIBSONS in Fauquier County Virginia and upon conditions also that they will leave the state of Virginia or obtain permission of the Legislator to remain in that Commonwealth. Seventhly I bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth E JACKSON in time of her Dower all the personal property which was sent to her Fathers by Wm KEITH including the carriage Horses and Harness also three Horses which I sent to her Fathers by Wm RHODES and Uncle Edward JACKSON and also a mare and Colt which has been there for sometime past. Eightly The Books which I left at Clarksburg are to be sold for the payment of my debts as above generally disposed of if necessary but if not necessary I bequeath them to William L. JACKSON G. W JACKSON George J WILLIAMS to be equally divided between them. Ninthly A suit of Broad Cloth Cloaths with a silk wi—coat unmade which I have with me I bequeath to George J WILLIAM. Tenthly one thousand dollars which is due in ten annual payments by John and Alexander BURNSIDES to me I to my wife Elizabeth E. JACKSON in part in time of her Dower as aforesaid. Eleventhly I Bequeath unto my neice Sophia JACKSON my racing Horse called Punch Twelfthly I Bequeath unto my Nephew James JACKSON the rideing saddle of my brother which was presented to me after his Death by Mrs. JACKSON. Thirteenthly I direct John to rid Punch to Clarksburg with George J WILLIAMS. Forteenthly my saddle which he John rides to Clarksburg I Bequeath to Dexter W. WILLIAMS. Fifteenthly I Bequeath to John W WILLIAMS my razor \_\_\_strap, \_\_\_\_ and I also give him one of the teaster Bedsteads at Clarksburg Sixteenthly I Bequeath to my wife all the money I have with me upon her paying all funeral expences like wise the expences to Wm GIBSON out of and also to pay small Sums due to Sam WITHERS Ephram ADAMS William GIBSON. Seventeenthly I Bequeath to Doc W WILLIAMS by wearing apperal. Eighteenthly I direct my Executor to purchase and present to Doc W WILLIAMS a set of pocket sugical instraments and also a pair of medical scales Nineteenthly releas to William L JACKSON the amount of the purchase he made at my vendue sale

Acknowledged in the present of

William REYNOLDS Sr

Edward B JACKSON Seal

Martha CAMPBELL

William REYNOLDS Jr

Pennsylvania

Bedford County

Lewis County West Virginia Record Book 1821: p. 181:

Doctor Edward B. JACKSON who hath been duly licensed to practice Law in the Courts of the Commonwealth on his moton [motion] hath leave to practice in this Court whereupon the said Edward took the Sweral [?] Oath presented by Law. 10 June 1823.

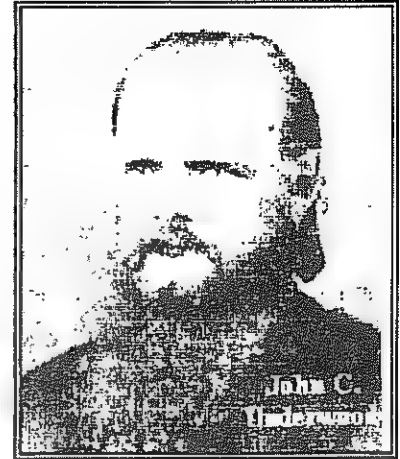
# John Curtis Underwood

1809 - 1873

by John M. JACKSON

submitted by Linda MEYERS

John Curtiss **UNDERWOOD**, son of John **UNDERWOOD** and Mary **CURTISS**, was born in Litchfield, New York, on March 14, 1809. After graduating from Hamilton College in 1832, **UNDERWOOD** moved to Virginia, where he studied law and secured work as a tutor. On October 24, 1839, Underwood married Maria Gloria **JACKSON** whose family he had tutored. The couple would have three children. Following their marriage, they acquired about 800 acres of land in Clarke County, Virginia, and established a dairy farm there.



The **UNDERWOOD**'s initial residency in Virginia did not last long, however. Considering that his family had arrived in New England before 1640, it is not surprising that **UNDERWOOD** retained the Yankee values and sensibilities of his ancestors. What is surprising, perhaps, is that he would continue to be an ardent, outspoken Free-soiler even after moving to Virginia. The anti-slavery pronouncements made by Underwood at the 1856 Republican National Convention and during the ensuing presidential campaign earned the wrath of his neighbors. **UNDERWOOD** found it prudent, therefore, to return to New York, where he found work as secretary for a company dealing in Southern lands

At the 1860 Republican National Convention, **UNDERWOOD** assisted in securing **LINCOLN**'s nomination, then toured new England and the middle states on behalf of his candidacy. **UNDERWOOD**'s efforts for **LINCOLN** and the Republican Party were soon rewarded. After taking office, **LINCOLN** nominated **UNDERWOOD** fifth auditor of the Treasury; the appointment was confirmed on August 1, 1861.

On January 25, 1864, **UNDERWOOD** was appointed judge of the Virginia district court; he used his position to advocate U. S. seizure of rebel property and protection of the freedmen's civil rights. Underwood's Radical Republican viewpoint was much in evidence after the capture of Jefferson **DAVIS**. At the grand jury session in which **DAVIS** was indicted for treason, Underwood delivered a lengthy and scathing charge against **DAVIS**, despite local sentiment which placed the judge's life in danger. Later, **UNDERWOOD** refused to admit **DAVIS** to bail, contending that **DAVIS** was a military prisoner and not entitled to rights granted by civil law.

In 1867, **UNDERWOOD** was a delegate to a convention which was to re-write Virginia's constitution bring it into alignment with the imperatives of Reconstruction. **UNDERWOOD** took a central role in drafting the constitution, and the document became known as the "Underwood Constitution." Many of **UNDERWOOD**'s radical provisions were stricken from the constitution when it was ratified by popular vote in 1869, allowing Virginia's social, economic and political hierarchy to remain virtually unchanged from its ante-bellum appearance.

The Civil War and Reconstruction provided loyal Unionists with a number of opportunities to enhance their land holdings. Following the war, **UNDERWOOD** acquired several thousand acres of land. His method of acquisition, however, subjected him to widespread criticism, longstanding litigation, and even physical assault.

**UNDERWOOD** died of apoplexy [*stroke*] at his home in Washington, D.C., on December 7, 1873. He had spent most of his career an unwelcome transplant in a land which he apparently loved but whose institutions he abhorred. The vehemence which he displayed in reconstructing Virginia is indicative of the hostility which had led to the Civil War.

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## Alexander Cameron Hunt

1825 – 1894

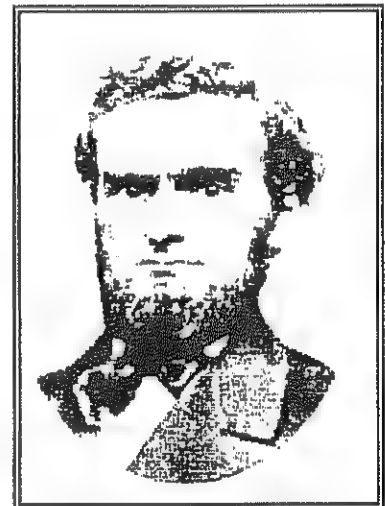
by Linda Brake **MEYERS**

On June 3, 1889, Alice **UNDERWOOD** married Alexander Cameron **HUNT**. Just two years later, Alice's husband became seriously ill, suffering paralysis. He lingered for a number of years before dying in 1894.

By the time of his marriage to Alice **UNDERWOOD**, **HUNT** had already lived a full life. In reading biographical accounts, one is struck by the epic nature of his life--the fortunes won and lost, the long journeys across the expanding American frontier. One is also struck by the inconsistencies in these biographies. The discrepancies reach as far back as Hunt's birth. While some sources claim that he was born in New York City on January 12, 1825, others claim the event occurred in Hammondsport, New York on Christmas Day of that year (such a birth date might be considered somewhat ironic, as **HUNT** is said to have expressed disdain for all religious observances).

The son of a physician, **HUNT** was still a child when his family moved to Freeport, Illinois. Little is known of **HUNT's** youth; the next detail we have of his life is that he traveled to California in 1850 (or 1845, according to another account). **HUNT** apparently did quite well in California and was able to return east by May 11, 1854, when he married Ellen Elizabeth **KELLOGG** in White Pigeon, Michigan. (The couple would have five children: Isa E., Albert C., Robert B., and two who died in infancy.) Shortly thereafter, **HUNT** returned to Freeport, where he was elected mayor. He seemed poised for greater things but lost most of his money in the Panic of 1857.

In 1858, **HUNT** traveled to Pike's Peak, where gold had only recently been discovered. After settling in, he briefly returned to Illinois, and brought his family to the Cherry Creek area of Colorado. **HUNT** opened a restaurant and soon became





prominent in local affairs. In the absence of local law enforcement, vigilante committees meted out justice in Colorado. In 1859, HUNT was chosen judge of the Cherry Creek committee. In that same year, HUNT was chosen vice-president of Auraria Town Company; in 1860, he presided over a meeting at which residents elected to unite that town with neighboring Denver.

In 1861, Abraham LINCOLN appointed HUNT U. S. marshal of the new Colorado Territory. HUNT would serve in this position until 1866; he also served for a time as territorial treasurer in the administration of Governor Alexander CUMMINGS. By 1866, HUNT felt he had sufficient political clout to run for Congressional delegate. The race was hard and bitter, however, and charges of voting fraud were levied after the election. Following an investigation by the House Committee on Elections, the seat was awarded to Hunt's opponent, George CHILCOT.

HUNT's defeat was short-lived, however. In 1867, Andrew Johnson appointed him territorial governor. Legislatively, HUNT's administration is noted for little besides the movement of the territorial capitol from Golden to Denver. The lack of progress during his administration may be attributed in part to a preoccupation with the neighboring tribes of Plains Indians. Perhaps HUNT's most significant accomplishment was the treaty that he negotiated with the Ute Indians in 1868.

In 1869, President GRANT unexpectedly appointed his friend Edward McCOOK to replace HUNT as governor. GRANT's motives appear unclear; perhaps he was bowing to other pressures or repaying a costly political debt. GRANT and HUNT remained friends, however; sometime after removing him from office, GRANT apologized to HUNT and gave him a stallion as a token of esteem.

HUNT continued to be active in Colorado's affairs even after his removal. He was instrumental in the development of Colorado Springs and the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. His activities proved profitable, and, during the following decade, he amassed a sizeable estate.

HUNT's fortunes began to wane in 1880, however, with the death of his wife and son. In 1883, he left Colorado and traveled to Mexico. Much of his fortune was later lost to bad investments in railroads and coal mines. He had lost two fortunes; he would have no opportunity to win another. Following his lengthy illness, HUNT died on May 14, 1894. He is buried in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Though his final years were no doubt difficult, HUNT was likely comforted somewhat by the presence of his second wife, Alice; their only child, Gloria J.; and memories of an eventful life. HUNT's life typifies the economic and political opportunities that arose in the opening of the western frontier. It also illustrates both the benefits and pitfalls of raw capitalism and democracy, wherein one may reach lofty heights one day, only to plummet again toward earth the next (and have the opportunity to rise yet again). Certainly, HUNT's story gives ample evidence of the vicissitudes of life on the rapidly developing frontier of nineteenth-century America.

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## Food for Thought As you Search for your Roots

*Submitted by Dave Kuhl*

The one thing I know for sure...I come from a long line of dead people.

Can a first cousin, once removed, return?

Cemetery: (n) A marble orchard not to be taken for granite

Genealogy: Chasing your own tale!

Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.

It's hard to be humble with ancestors like mine!

Searching for lost relatives? Win the Lottery!

That's strange; half my ancestors are WOMEN!

Every family tree has some sap in it.

Floor: (n) the place for storing your priceless genealogy records.

Friends come and go, but relatives tend to accumulate.

Genealogists live in the past lane.

Genealogists never die, they just lose their roots.

Genealogy: a haystack full of needles. It's the threads I need.

Genealogy: Collecting dead relatives and sometimes a live cousin!

Genealogy: Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.

Heredity: Everyone believes in it until their children act like fools!

I look at my family tree...there are two dogs using it.

Life is lived forwards, but understood backwards

My ancestors are hiding in a witness protection program.

My family tree is a few branches short!

Research: What I'm doing, when I don't know what I'm doing.

Take nothing but ancestors, leave nothing but records.

Theory of relativity: If you go back far enough, we're all related.

*"jots from joy"* continued from page 1.

We've had some changes in the office recently. Joy COTTRILL has left her office secretary position to open a business with her husband. We appreciate all she did to keep things running smoothly and wish her the best of luck in her new venture. She has been replaced by Ruth BUSH HIGHLAND, a long-time HCPD volunteer and member of the Board (from which she had to resign to take this position).

HCPD has reached a milestone. More than 1/2 of our membership now has e-mail! From time to time we send "tween-time" info to our members online. If you have an e-mail address and have not received any e-mail from us in the past month or so, it may be because we don't have your correct address. E-mail it to our new Secretary, Ruth, at HCPD2@aol.com.

# Fun Facts About West Virginia



## Unusual Facts about the Mountain State of West Virginia

As HCPD moves into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, it is interesting to recall some West Virginia "firsts" of earlier times. These "Fun Facts" are provided by the WV Division of Tourism. See their entire list of WV achievements at [www.state.wv.us/tourism/facts/unusual.htm](http://www.state.wv.us/tourism/facts/unusual.htm). Or for more info on the Mountain State, call 1-800-CALL-WVA or visit [www.callwva.com](http://www.callwva.com). Ed.

WV's Memorial Tunnel...**first** in the nation monitored by TV, opened Nov 8, 1954.

West Virginia was the **first** state to have a sales tax. It became effective July 1, 1921.

The **first** steamboat was launched by James Rumsey in the Potomac River at New Mecklenburg (Shepherdstown) on December 3, 1787.

The **first** rural free mail delivery started in Charles Town on Oct 6, 1896, then spread throughout the United States.

Bailey Brown, the **first** Union soldier killed in the Civil War, died on May 22, 1861, at Fetterman.

The **first** iron furnace west of the Alleghenies built by Peter Tarr on Kings Creek in 1794.

One of the **first** suspension bridges in the world was completed in Wheeling in 1849.

Outdoor advertising had its origin in Wheeling about 1908 when the Block Brothers Tobacco Co. painted bridges and barns with the wording: "Treat Yourself to the Best, Chew Mail Pouch."

The **first** electric railroad in the world, built as a commercial enterprise, was constructed between Huntington and Guyandotte.

The **first** memorial building to honor WW-I veterans dedicated May 30, 1923, in Welch.

William Tompkins used natural gas to evaporate salt brine in 1841, thus becoming the **first** person in the United States to use natural gas for industrial purposes.

Mother's Day was **first** observed at Andrews Church in Grafton on May 10, 1908.

White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier County, was the **first** "summer White House."

The **first** brick street in the world was laid in Charleston, West Virginia, on October 23, 1870, on Summers Street, between Kanawha and Virginia Streets.

Sunday Exponent Telegram Jan 24, 1932

## The Life and History of Harmon Lunsford

*Lawyers Would Close Office If All  
Men Followed Lunsford's Example*

*Jane Lew Man, 80, Has Never  
Brought An Action In Court*

by Wilbur C. MORRISON

Strange as it may seem, Harmon LUNSFORD, of near Jane Lew, who has lived beyond man's allotted span of three score years and ten by nearly thirteen years, has never been a witness in any court case, either in his native state, Virginia, or in this state where he has lived since 1873. Nor has he ever served on a jury of any kind. He has never sued any man for debt and has never been sued.

The aged man has tried to "keep straight" and honest with his fellow man, he says, paid his honest debts, attended to his own business and let the other fellow's business alone. This doubtless explains his fine standing as an upright, honorable citizen.

LUNSFORD was born April 10, 1849, at Crabbottom, Highland County, Virginia. His parents were William and Naomi (SIMMONS) LUNSFORD. They were natives of Virginia. The LUNSFORDs were originally English born, but the subject of this sketch says he knows little about the ancestors of his parents as "they never told us children much about the family traditions, if they ever knew." Among many families of earlier days as obtains today little interest was manifest in their genealogy.

## Grandparents Lived Long

The grandparents of this aged man on the maternal side were Mark and Sarah SIMMONS, both of whom lived to be nearly ninety years of age, and their longevity gives rise to the belief that LUNSFORD will live to be a nonagenarian. His physical and mental condition strengthen that hope.

After his father and mother were married and children began to come into the family, he says, the latter were taught the English language by the father. "My father spoke the English language and was, therefore, English." He adds, "My mother was Dutch. Grandfather SIMMONS and my Grandmother were strictly Dutch, and reared their family in the Lutheran church. So I am mixed with the English and Dutch -- not, however, German Dutch".

LUNSFORD married Miss Barbara Ellen MIDDLETON, of Highland County, Virginia, September 12, 1872. She was a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (REXROAD) MIDDLETON, of Crabbottom, and was born there June 8, 1856.

## Resides with daughter

Mr. and Mrs. LUNSFORD were the parents of six children, two sons and four daughters. Pickney, the eldest, born August 7, 1873, at Crabbottom, married Miss Margaret Jane STARCHER, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mifflin STARCHER, of near Hunts, Lewis County. They were the parents of twelve children, ten of whom are living, six sons and four daughters, whose names are Okey, Ralph, Don, John, Brooks, Paul, Beulah, Audra, Belle, and Velma.

Luemma Viona, the first daughter and second child of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon **LUNSFORD**, was born April 8, 1876, in Randolph County, W. Va. She married Alexander E. **FRAZIER**, of Lewis County, and they live at Homeland, a suburban hamlet, one mile north of Jane Lew, at whose home Mr. Lunsford is now residing. Fraziers' mother, a member of the well-known **McKINLEY** family of Harrison and Lewis counties, was a second cousin of the martyred President William **McKINLEY**.

Mr. and Mrs. **FRAZIER** were the parents of eight children, five of whom are living, namely, Hartsel F., Ada Theodosia, Audra, Virginia, Presley and Dorothy Eden. **FRAZIER** was a son of the late David and Mary (**McKINLEY**) **FRAZIER** and is an employee of the Hope Natural Gas Company at its Kennedy station.

The next child of Mr. and Mrs. **LUNSFORD**, Minnie Elberts, was born April 18, 1878, in Randolph County. She married Delbert **TETER**, of Vadis, Lewis County, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John **TETER**. They now live at Copely, where he is a farmer.

### 31 Living Grandchildren

Mr. and Mrs. **TETER** are the parents of nine children, three sons and six daughters, of whom eight are living. Their names are Clarence, Hoy, Setta, Oleto, Lucy, Nellie, Edsie and Harry.

Mr. and Mrs. **LUNSFORD**'s fourth child, Rozella Alice, was born May 6, 1881, in Randolph County. She married W. E. **KING**, a farmer, who lived at Camden, Lewis County. Of their four children, three are living, namely, Roy, Edie M. and Carl.

The fifth child of Mr. and Mrs. **LUNSFORD**, Myrtle, was born April 3, 1883, in Randolph County. She married R. G. **KING**, a brother of her sister, Rozella's husband. He is a farmer who lives at Camden, Lewis County. He was in the employ of the Hope Gas Company twenty years. There were the parents of three children, of whom two, Ernest and Alma, are living.

Oscar William **LUNSFORD**, second son and last child of Mr. and Mrs. **LUNSFORD**, was born May 19, 1888, in Randolph County. He married Miss Mary **DROPPELMAN**, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph **DROPPELMAN**, of near St. Clair, Doddridge County. They live near Garrett, Ky., where **DROPPELMAN** is an oil and gas driller. They have two daughters, Irene and Ruth, and a son, Willie.

Counting his descendants, the aged man figures it out that he has thirty-one living grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren.

### Wife Died in 1927

All members of his family are living except his wife, who died March 24, 1927, at his farm home on Walnut Fort of Fink Creek, Lewis County; and Arthur Pinkney **LUNSFORD**, the elder son, who died February 19, 1920, at Troy, Gilmer County as a victim of the influenza epidemic throughout the country which had its inception abroad the last year of the World War.

Lunsford had three brothers and three sisters, all dead except Mrs. Naomi **COLLINS**, wife of George **COLLINS**, of Rennick, Greenbrier County, this state. She was born in December 1854, in Highland County, Virginia and is 77 years old.

Susan **LUNSFORD**, another sister, married F. M. **REXROAD**, of Freeman's Creek, Lewis County. She and her husband have been dead a number of years.

Phebe **LUNSFORD**, still another sister, married Jacob **HEAVNER** and they both lived and died in Highland County, Virginia, where they were born and reared.

Noah **LUNSFORD**, a brother, married Miss Laura **MOWERY**, of his native country of Highland County, Virginia. They moved to Pocahontas County, this state, where both died a number of years ago. They lived in early life at Monterey, Virginia, a little town located on the mountain dividing line between Virginia and West Virginia.

## Father Died at 49

Joshua **LUNSFORD**, another brother, married Miss Levina Esther **HEAVNER**, Monterey, Virginia, where they lived and died. Her death occurred July 11, 1931. She was born July 31, 1845, at Crabbottom, Virginia. She lived to be past 85 years of age. The following are children of Joshua and Levina Esther (**HEAVENER**) **LUNSFORD**; Bertie, Cora, Harry, William and Jacob.

William **LUNSFORD**, the third brother, married Miss Elizabeth **SWADLEY**, of Hightown, Virginia, where they made their home. He died a number of years ago. She remarried and is still living.

Birth and death records in the Lunsford family show Will **LUNSFORD**, father of Harmon **LUNSFORD**, was born April 24, 1813, and died February 1, 1862, aged 49.

Mrs. Naomi **LUNSFORD**, mother of Harmon **LUNSFORD**, was born June 22, 1812, and died June 21, 1890. Noah

**LUNSFORD** was born December 28, 1837; Joshua **LUNSFORD**, July 25, 1840; Phoebe **LUNSFORD**, October 13, 1846; and William **LUNSFORD**, February 21, 1852, who died March 28, 1884. The dates of the deaths of the others are not available.

When his father died **LUNSFORD** was not quite 14 years old. He was the only boy at home big enough to do anything and so he, his mother and two or three sisters, living on rented land, managed to get along, he says, some way.

## Not in Civil War

Barely 16 years old when the Civil War ended, **LUNSFORD** was too young to engage in that struggle between the North and the South. His father had reached the age limit and did not enlist nor was he drafted. Speaking of his father and the war, the aged man says, "Father's sympathies were rather with the North, but living in a Southern section he had to be very quiet about it and seldom discussed the war or the question which brought it on."

Joshua, an older brother of Mr. **LUNSFORD**, fought in the Confederate service and was wounded when a bullet from a Yankee gun pierced a lung, not making, however, a fatal wound. Noah, another brother, also fought in the southern army.

Soldiers on either side of the war were constantly coming and going in the valley where **LUNSFORD** as a lad of twelve years lived. At Crabbottom, because of the fine pastures and plentifulness of pure water there were encampments at all times, first by the Union soldiers and then by Confederate troops as the exigencies of war came.

# Polk Creek WATERSHED PROJECT

1959 - 1969

*submitted by Maurice and Bertha ALLMAN*

Lewis Countians could not forget the 1950 flood!

The late Matthew **HOLT** and the late Arch L. **ELLIS** conceived the idea, promoted the concept, and applied for a watershed project in the early 1950s for Lewis County. These two men started the momentum and kept the ball rolling. The project was first called The Polk Creek Watershed Association but later changed to The Lewis County Watershed Association (LCWA) by the local sponsors.

Polk Creek is located West of Weston, WV, along US Route 33. Following numerous public meetings, it was the consensus to start flood reduction on Polk Creek. With the memories of the '50 flood, some wanted a "big" dam...others wanted "small dams" and others wanted a mix in size.

Eight plus one! Is this a math test? No, but it is a short story of team action and of a community pulling together for over eight years to solve a problem that caused suffering and financial loss to the citizens.

The problem was frequent flooding of West Weston along Polk Creek. To solve the problem was to treat each acre to absorb more water and to install eight floodwater impoundments. Analysis showed that with well-treated and managed sod on hay land, pastureland, and fenced woodland, the soil would hold as much water under normal conditions as all eight dams in this 7200 acre Watershed. Thus 8 plus 1!

The team members who got things done include:

The late Matthew **HOLT**, President, Lewis County Watershed Association;  
Mary **HOLT**, Lewis County Clerk at the time, collected bids;  
The late Archie L. **ELLIS**, Vice President of LCWA and project photographer;  
S. A. **HALL**, Jr., 40-year supervisor in the West Fork Soil Conservation District (sponsor);  
The late Willard **HEVENER**, Nurseryman and Supervisor of WFSCD;  
The late Kent **BUTCHER**, crew foreman of WFSCD;  
The WFSCD crews, planted nearly a million trees and 200 acres of grass and legumes on surface mined lands;  
The late Raymond **SQUIRES**, Commissioner, WFSCD;  
The Lewis County Commission, Sponsor;  
The Late Paul **BUTCHER** Sr., President, Lewis County Watershed Association;  
The late Paul **BUTCHER**, Jr., member, LCWA  
The State Soil Conservation Commission, furnished funds for easements;  
Weston Chamber of Commerce, furnished funds for easements;  
The late Joseph W. **MARTENEY**, President, LCWA;  
Lewis County Watershed Association, furnished funds for easements;

Charles **HALL**, District Forester (retired), furnished trees;  
William (Les) **FURY**, retired Prosecuting Attorney, Circuit Judge;  
The late Linwood **YOUNG**, Area Conservationist;  
The US Soil Conservation Service (SCS), furnished federal funds with help of the late Jennings **RANDOLPH** and Senator Robert **BYRD** amounting to nearly one million dollars during the sixties;  
Paul **DUNN**, SCS Engineer, supervised Watershed Team consisting of a Soil Scientist, hydrologist, Woodland Conservationist, Economist, Plant Materials Specialist, Designers, and Inspector;  
Ancil **CUTLIP**, public information coordinator, WVU Extension Services;  
Dozens of land owners, managers of the 7200 acre Watershed;  
The Gas Companies, relocated gas lines;  
The Monongahela Power Company, relocated electric lines;  
The WV Department of Highways, relocated roads;  
Harold **GREGORIE**, Department of Natural Resources, Inspected surface mined lands;  
American Red Cross, assisted in organizing United Funds;  
Salvation Army, assisted in organizing United Funds;  
The United Fund, supplied funds for easements; and  
Maurice L. **ALLMAN**, USDA, SCS, retired, served as Team Leader and Coordinator.

Both the Red Cross and Salvation Army had spent above-average funds several times each year to assist the flood victims. Thus they were willing to assist in organizing a United Fund organization to provide funds to purchase easements and thereby eliminate the annual drain on their limited funds for helping those in need. Understandably, they were very pleased with the Watershed Project.

The late Matt **HOLT**, the late Raymond **SQUIRES**, Les **FURY**, and Maurice **ALLMAN** frequently worked evenings and on week-ends to negotiate with land owners for an agreed price for easements.

Some of the benefits of flood reduction were the moving of a Hope Gas Company District Office involving twenty-six families to the Polk Creek Watershed and the location of a large hospital known as the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital to serve Lewis and Gilmer County residents.

**ALLMAN** recalls three floods that blocked Route 33 East in 1958 between the months of May and July. He and his family were transferred from Glenville to Weston in May 1958. This example, and a history of much more flooding over a period of many preceding years, caused Polk Creek Watershed to become a community concern and assisted in the determination to form a team and reduce the devastation.

The Washington SCS office did not believe at first that the Polk Creek Project should be worked on because of the massive surface mining that was still active upstream of the proposed dam sites. Washington feared the sediment from the surface mining would soon fill up the proposed watershed protection dams. Washington, seemingly, could not conceive of the massive cooperation that had been organized locally with state and federal agencies, the coal and utility companies, and landowners.

The late L. L. **LOUGH**, Federal Conservationist for West Virginia at USDA SCS, argued otherwise. He reasoned that close cooperation was well established and would succeed with team effort of SCS, the West Fork Soil Conservation District, the District



Crews which were well equipped and trained, the Lewis County Commission, the West Virginia Soil Conservation Committee, the Agriculture Conservation Service, WV Dept. of Natural Resources, the WVU Cooperative Extension Service, the State Surface Mine Inspectors, and the land owners.

The citizens were tired of US 33 being blocked by Polk Creek floods that affected schools and citizens going to and from work, not to mention the dozens of homes that flooded frequently each year for many years.

In the meantime, to get quality cover on disturbed areas, the USDA Soil Conservation Service provided a new variety of crown vetch seed to the WFSC District to plant, grow, and harvest. The Board of Supervisors, led by S. A. Hall, Jr., assisted by Allman, located three 8-acre plots. One site was on the east-west runway of the airport at Jackson's Mill Conference Center. The other two sites were on land rented from local landowners.

**ALLMAN** and the late Linwood **YOUNG** put in some 14-hour days traveling the area to locate a combine for the West Fork Soil District to harvest the precious seed. It was the only combine in Lewis County at the time (ca. 1964).

The combine yielded a mixture of moist stems and seedpods. A large barn was rented from the late Mrs. Hunter **BENNETT** to dry the mixture. The District crew stirred the valuable mixture daily. Following the drying, two firms, one in Ohio and one in Virginia, thrashed the seed for the District. When the thrashing was completed, they did not want money, rather preferring payment in several pounds of crown vetch seed.

The residue of leaves and stems was bailed and then applied as mulch on some of the dams and disturbed areas. The crews said it was like spreading steel wool because it would not shake out like straw. The Department of Highways came to the rescue by loaning the District a powerful chipper that ground up the residue, making it easy to spread with a regular manure spreader on the dams.

The WFSCD sold thousands of crown vetch seed at cost to WVDOT to plant on bare road banks to reduce soil erosion that would fill the road ditches.

Number 1 dam is the first one on left going west; No.4 dam is near the top of Camden Hill; No. 5 on the Churchville road; No. 6 on the **HALL** farm; Numbers 7 and 8 on Dry Fork; No. 9 on Keith Fork; and No. 13, a dry dam and the largest dam and lake area, is on Sassafras Run. The gas company relocated a large pipeline around the dam. The line then continues up stream in the valley where it is easier to maintain without a body of water on it.

Following the completion of the Polk Creek Project, the Tri-District organization, comprised of the West Fork, Monongahela, and Tygarts Valley Soil Conservation Districts, jointly conducted a tour in Lewis County to view the successful reclamation of hundreds of acres of surface mined lands and view and walk on the eight dams on the Polk Creek Watershed.

Over 800 people from all over West Virginia, the federal and state agencies, the Secretary of Agriculture from Washington, Mr. **FREEMAN**, celebrated the team effort. The West Fork Soil Conservation District contracted several Greyhound buses to transport dignitaries to the surface mine benches and flood reduction dams.



## NOTES FROM THE ATTIC

### A True Story of My Life

by *W. McWhorter Morris*

The following is from a "little book" dating from the early 1900s, found by Pam BENNETT of Good Hope, WV. Just where the book has been for so long is unknown...probably forgotten in a dusty attic. This is the fourth and next to last segment of a continuing story that began in Issue 1 of Vol XVII. The author is the late W. McWhorter MORRIS.

#### Chapter V

##### Perplexities and Reverses

Having briefly described a few incidents in my army life in which, as I was made to believe, the hand of Providence was so forcibly manifest in my behalf, I will now take up some of my experiences in domestic life after my return home in July, 1865. The first question to be settled was whether I should break off my engagement with the young lady referred to in another chapter, and use the small fund I had saved from the military payroll of sixteen dollars per month, in attending some school that I might be prepared to "pay my vows" which I had solemnly made while in the army; or should I ignore the divine call to be free to pay the marriage vow I had made on a former occasion. I knew it would be a desperate conflict. I feared to disregard the one, and did not dare to disregard the other.

In the spring of 1864, Elijah **WILLIAMS**, who then lived near West Milford, in Harrison County, West Virginia, moved with his family to Lowell, Ohio. His daughter Malissa F. **WILLIAMS**, then past twenty-one years of age, being the lady referred to, to whom I had been engaged to be married if I succeeded in reaching home after the conclusion of the war. Now I reached a crisis that might result in disaster, let my decision be either way. I never had craved to preach the Gospel...I suppose for the main reason that I was not intellectually qualified to do so; and with the many impediments in my way, I could not feel that I ever could be prepared to be a successful preacher. But the knowledge that my life had been more than once preserved during extreme danger upon my promise to do this very thing, gave me warning that I dare not finally reject the call.

On the other hand, I did love the woman, and longed to be with her. I knew her to be a virtuous and industrious woman who would be a good help-mate in raising up and providing for a family; but with the knowledge of her many good traits of character, she was of a stock who were not religiously inclined, and I feared she would not be disposed to give the encouragement I would surely need if I undertook the ministry.

Thus the matter went on revolving through my mind for three months; often trying to find a sufficient excuse for breaking off from one engagement, then the other, without reaching any definite conclusion. One day, while reading in Exodus the call of Moses to lead the Israelites out of the Egyptian captivity, I was impressed with the incident of his staff being turned to a serpent.

When Moses had refused his call to duty, God said to him, "What is that thou hast in thy hand?" Moses answered, "A shepherd's staff." "Throw it on the ground." He did so, and the staff was turned to a snake, etc., etc. As this incident was to be a lesson to Moses to show

him that if God could turn a stick into a snake, so He could help him to overcome the impediments complained of by him in the way of his accepting the call to lead the Israelites out of bondage. I was then impressed with the thought that the spirit that had ministered to me, and saved me from dangers on the several previous occasions, might help me in overcoming the impediments that appeared so obviously in the way of my accepting the divine call.

After due consideration of the perplexing situation I concluded to make a visit to Ohio to talk the matter over in person. Arriving there late in September, the matter of my desire to attend some institution of learning was discussed at length, although I did not mention that I had been called to the ministry.

So after remaining two days talking over the whole matrimonial problem, her argument prevailed, that after we were married I could then go to school until I could acquire an education sufficient to prepare me for some useful avocation, without herself indicating what that avocation might be; and the result was, that we were made one in wedlock in less than ten days from that time...namely October 3, 1865. Here is where I made the mistake that came near costing me the loss of my soul-- not that I had married an unworthy woman, but that I had married at all, as the sequel will show.

It is human nature to feel proud to set up housekeeping after being wedded to a splendid woman of fine physique and beautiful features, when for a time, at least, love and happiness reigned, and we could feel that we could live under our own domicile without being under military restraint as I had been for the past three years.

But it soon became apparent that to abandon the idea of entering any school was a foregone conclusion. My limited savings from my meager army salary must now be used in house furnishings and other necessities; besides, as I soon found I could not spare the time to attend school long enough to give me any adequate preparation for the purpose I most desired. It did not take long to vividly show me that I had made a mistake that might cost me much trouble, and perhaps financial loss.

For a few years we succeeded fairly well in industrial pursuits, and giving up all hope of a preparation to respond to the divine call, I tried to dismiss the thought from my mind, and applied my whole time in trying to make a living for my family, which soon began to increase much faster than did my income. Besides farming to a limited extent, I was handy with tools and did considerable carpenter work, so that I was ever busy at some kinds of work. Notwithstanding my disappointment in not responding to the divine call, and the remorse of conscience that often stung me, I ever tried to live the life of a Christian and tried as best I could to fill the place of a layman in the church; but I could ever feel a heavy weight that greatly impeded my progress in the spiritual realm.

Besides my small earnings at manual labor, the electors of my County elevated me to some small official positions that helped me along in a financial way, and in a few years I had got some means ahead of immediate demands, and ventured to make an investment that looked good to me, though it involved me beyond my surplus means; but before we had got into operation to earn anything the whole business was sold under an old trust given by the original owner, and nearly all I possessed of a financial nature was swept from me in one swoop.

This transaction so angered the good woman to whom I had been yoked that she displayed a bad temper (and I could not blame her), that indicated that she would not have been an encouraging companion for a preacher. At that time I received an inward warning, that, owing to my disobedience in not heeding the divine call, I should never accumulate

any considerable amount of worldly treasures; but by diligence and living an upright life, neither myself nor family should suffer with hunger.

Thus matters went for years, during which time eight well-developed, healthy children were born in our home, which, of course, taxed our energies to a greater extent to feed and clothe them according to the custom of the times. Within fifteen years after our pecuniary collapse we had again become owners of a home and were fair liver, when I was again elevated to a minor official position which gave me a fair income, and I moved to Clarksburg, our county seat. During my four years of official life there I make the mistake of endorsing to much paper.

My family of children (mostly girls, and some of them grown up) had reached a stage in life that required quite a sum to meet their many demands; but we succeeded in keeping them in fairly good style in both food and raiment; besides again having a surplus for future use of a rainy day. But the traditional "rainy day" was not long in coming.

Of the six persons whose notes for various amounts I had endorsed, although they had been entirely solvent as I thought, they proved to be otherwise, and I had to make good in five of the cases that came against me. By the time I got through with the courts, I was back to near the same level I was left at the first transaction fifteen years before. Here again I was warned by a divine power that I could lay no surplus in earthly treasures.

## **Chapter VI**

### **Sickness and Despair**

Soon after the disastrous transaction just described, a condition overtook me that brought on a crisis that was most trying to me in both a spiritual and temporal way: for, besides my own great agony over having been so easily duped in involving myself in transactions that seemed likely to make us homeless again, the good wife was so overcome with grief that she did not mince words in expressing her chagrin at my lack of caution in being so easily fleeced of our earthly belongings. Added to this, came the familiar reminder of my violation of a sacred vow, and my punishment for the same. Naturally my grief became almost unendurable, and I was more than once led to exclaim like Cain of old, "My punishment is greater than I can bear!"

I am not entering complaint against the woman for her conduct against me; for it is but natural that any woman would become worried at the loss of so much that she had toiled hard to help accumulate; but I believe yet, that if she really knew my agony of soul--not only in the loss of money, and her bewailment over it; but being divinely reminded of a chastisement for disobedience, thus increasing my already overtaxed burden, she would have been more mild in her attitude toward me. The continual worry over this unfortunate transaction caused my health to give way, and I became a victim of stomach trouble from which I suffered untold agonies, which, added to my mental suffering, made life itself a burden to me, and I longed to be relieved, if only by death. For over three years the disease grew on me until I was most of the time in bed and suffering great agony--both of the soul and body.

Although my family had not suffered in the least for food or raiment, the outlook seemed extremely dark to me, and I came to the point where I would end my own life. I reasoned that my life had been a failure, with no possible chance now of making good; I

was being justly punished for my disobedience to the divine call; but my sufferings were of a threefold nature and I could endure it no longer, as I then thought.

Although I believed I was rational at the time I was entertaining those thoughts, I do not now believe that any one can be entirely rational while suffering the agonies of so extreme a case of stomach trouble, when added to the mental trouble over a broken vow.

The most heart-rending phase of my terrible situation was the fact that so many of my erstwhile good friends...those whom I had favored in various ways...began to turn their backs upon me, and were as shy of my presence as if I had been an offender against the criminal law. Those of them who ventured to visit me in my sore afflictions, assumed the attitude of some of "Job's Comforters," rather than that of "good Samaritan."

When, only a few years previous to my financial downfall, those same friends (?) were very frequent visitors at my home and were the recipients of favors in financial ways as well as in social entertainments, their zeal for my welfare seemed to have no bounds. How different now, that they thought I would never be able to favor them more! But this seems to be human nature exemplified, and is one of the hardships all victims of any misfortune must bear.

The real crisis came late one evening when all the family were away from the house. I had recovered sufficiently from a severe spell of indigestion to be able to be up and walk about the house, and realizing my opportunity, I took my revolver from the drawer, saw that it was loaded; then going into the back yard, I sat down on a box and placed the muzzle of the gun against my temple; but just as I was about to pull the trigger, something happened, and I was saved. Now listen to the greatest phenomenon of all my career. My sainted mother, who had been in her grave about two years, did not speak to me in that "still, small voice," but she did speak to me in an audible tone, and said, "Walter, don't do that." It is needless to say, my gun fell to the ground, and I came near falling also.

The apparition of the appearance of my dead mother caused me to think seriously over the various experiences of my past life, and I was made to wonder if there might not be a chance for me to make amends for my past failures, and yet be of some service to my fellow man in a moral or spiritual way, if not in temporal things. I reasoned that the many unusual or supernatural visitations in my behalf during the past years of my life were fraught with a significance of more than ordinary moment; and I then determined to make the supreme attempt that I did, to get out from under the cloud that had for sometime almost obscured the heavenly sunlight from my soul, and caused my life to become a burden rather than a pleasure to me.

The question of the most vital importance to me at that time was, would God in his infinite mercy pardon my great sin of disobedience while I was wholly unable to make any amends for such disobedience? I was still suffering the tortures of indigestion which had developed into a chronic nature, and four different physicians had pronounced my case incurable. With this declaration I let go of the assistance of all the physicians, and like a godsend, I secured a few bottles of a patent medicine that seemed to reach my case, and I began to improve from the time I took the first dose, which relieved my sufferings to a large extent. Thus encouraged from a physical standpoint, I began in earnest to renew my former relations with God, that I might again be brought into "covenant favor with Him." Being much encouraged from both the physical and spiritual viewpoints, it began to impress on my mind that I should yet do something that would at least partially relieve the ground I had lost through my disobedience.

That same "still, small voice," which had so often in the past, while in great peril, warned me of danger, again appeared to suggest to me that there was yet a work that I must do. Supposing it was meant that I should yet try to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I again put up the same old excuse that I was incapable either from an intellectual or educational viewpoint; but something kept whispering in my ears, "You can write, and there is now an important work that you can do." Now, this proposition at that time seemed to me almost as ridiculous as the proposition to preach the Gospel; but knowing that I had been considered much more clever with my pen than with my tongue, I began to consider this call.

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## SISTERS REUNITED AFTER FORTY-TWO YEARS



*by Betty Ann WARD NICHOLSON*

On November 14, 1997, I, Betty Ann **WARD NICHOLSON** and my half-sister, Joanne **WARD SHORE** were reunited following a separation which lasted forty-two years. We had not seen each other since the death of our father, John Everett **WARD**, in 1955, when Joanne was 23 and I was 9 years old.

Joanne was married and the mother of a 4-month-old daughter and I was a child at the time. This was the first time we had met and I remember sitting on Joanne's lap and being so happy to find I had a sister. I remember telling all my friends about my sister because most of them had brothers and sisters and I had felt left out as an only child. We wrote to each other for a time, probably about eight years as the last correspondence Joanne received was my high school graduation announcement. After that, I went off to college and Joanne kept busy taking care of her young family so we went our separate ways.

Over the years, I often wondered where she was and what she was doing but never attempted to find her or even had any idea how to go about it. That all changed a few years ago when a friend introduced me to genealogy. My friend kept insisting that I should trace my family history as she and her husband have been doing for more than thirty years. I thought it sounded interesting but didn't get involved until one day she handed me a family group sheet and an ancestor chart and said, "Now, get started." Well, of course I became hooked.

Right away I went to the Hacker's Creek Library and enlisted the aid of everyone there to help a very green beginning genealogist. For the past three years, I diligently searched for my **WARD** family roots but very few of my relatives are still living and information on my father's family was sparse. The more I searched the more important it became to me to try and locate Joanne, but again I had no idea of where to start. Once again a friend came to the rescue. She was telling me about her new computer and her Internet access to all the AT&T "white pages" in the United States.

Out of curiosity, I gave my friend Joanne's husband's name and asked her to search for it. In a day or so she notified me she had come up with four matches in Ohio, mostly in the Columbus area where I knew that Joanne had lived at one time. I kept the sheet of paper on my desk and looked at it periodically but could not get up the courage to call. What if she didn't want to hear from me after all these years? I didn't know why we had quit writing and I was afraid of being rejected but the desire to contact her won out and finally after six months I got the courage to call.

The first number that I selected was the right one! Amazingly, I found out that she, too, had been trying to locate me but had no idea what my married name was or where to find me. She had gotten a Weston telephone directory just a couple of years ago and had tried all the **WARD**'s listed without any luck. We talked for what seemed



like hours and began to make plans to visit. On the weekend of November 14, 1997, Joanne and her husband, Paul **SHORE** came to Weston to visit with Randall and me. We spent a wonderful weekend getting reacquainted, sharing family pictures and visiting sights Joanne remembered as a child.

I found that not only do I have a sister, but also two nieces and a nephew and four great nieces and a great nephew. We have made several trips to Columbus and they have visited us several times since then. This has been a marvelous experience for me and I have been so fortunate to locate my family. If it were not for the interest I developed in genealogy and the encouragement of my friends, I probably would never have considered trying to find my sister and would have missed a wonderful addition to my life.

Betty Ann **WARD NICHOLSON**



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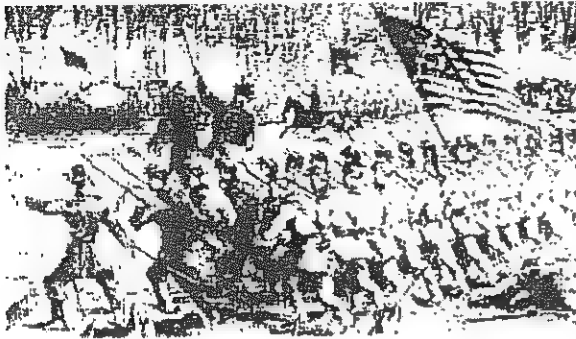
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## The Battle-Fields of West Virginia



West Virginia was during the Civil War, the scene of battle's stern array, and on her soil was marshaled contending hosts. The history of military events within her borders has never been written, for the reason that the historians of the time were engrossed with the more important operations on the sea-board and on the banks of the great historic rivers, the Potomac, the James and the Mississippi.

Nevertheless there was war, bloody war, all the way from the Alleghenies to the Ohio, and over a large portion of the territory now composing the state, the sound of battle has echoed and resounded among the hills and mountains. So numerous are the conflicts of arms, that they are found in more than three-fourths of the fifty-four counties of the State, and with them are connected the

names of some of the greatest military chieftains of the great war. Of those of the Federal side connected with the operations in the State were Generals McCLELLAND, ROSECRANS, SHERIDAN, CROOK, KELLEY, COX, MILROY, AVERILL, and MILES; while among those on the Confederate side were Generals LEE, JACKSON, WISE, FLOYD, LORING, ECHOLS, JONES, JENKINS and McCAUSLAND.

It is now estimated that there were no fewer than 203 engagements on West Virginia soil and these have been listed with proper dates. Certainly it is not claimed all these 203 engagements were battles in the full sense of the term; many of them were but skirmishes, yet on these fields men stood in hostile array, and blood-shed marked the scene. Truly, West Virginia began her existence amid the throes of Civil War.

Who can now, after a lapse of thirty years, recall the scenes being enacted within the confines of the State? A new generation has appeared, one that never witnessed the smoke over this our now fair and peaceful domain. Where these martial led hosts struggled for the mastery now is seen the hurry and bustle of an industrial activity, cultivating the soil, navigating the rivers, constructing railroads, building churches, school houses, digging wealth from the mountains. Thrice welcome, white-winged Peace.

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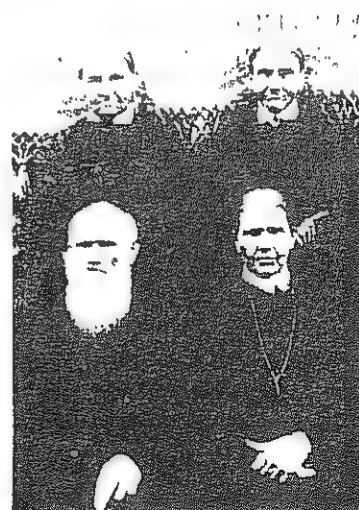


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1. My Sara D. **WILSON** was born on July 17, 1824 in Pendleton County, VA and married there on May 14, 1848 to Charles Beckwith **FOWLER**, born March 28, 1825 in Rockingham County, VA, a son of Wilson W. and Lucinda (**NICKOLS**) **FOWLER**. Sara's death certificate says that she is a daughter of James **WILSON** but no mother is given. To my knowledge, her and Charles's marriage license does not list parents. Both Sara and Charles died in Harrison County, he in 1885 and she in 1908. They are related to many Hacker's Creek Area people. Following is all I have to go on as far as a mother for Sara. A James **WILSON** married Sarah **SMALLRIDGE** in Pendleton County, Va., on March 8, 1823, in a ceremony performed by Otho **WADE**. Can anyone give me a list of children of this couple? Also, a James **WILSON** married Rachel **BLIZARD** in Pendleton County on June 15, 1819, in a ceremony performed by F. **LAIR**. Does anyone have a list of the children of this couple? Is this the same James **WILSON** with two different wives? Any help greatly appreciated. Please respond to Carlisle **BOWLING**, P. O. Box 1177, Flagler Beach, FL 32136-1177 or by e-mail to Zarvon@aol.com.

2. The man and woman sitting in the photo at the right are John McHenry **DUFFLE** and Susan Catherine **RIFFLE**. I am trying to find out who the two women standing behind them are. I know their names, but don't know which is which and would rather not bias anybody's thought on who they might be by mentioning names. I don't know when the photo was taken, nor do I know where except that it had to be in Lewis, Clay, Calhoun, Braxton or Nicholas County. If anyone has a reasonable guess on who the ladies might be, please contact Irene **BOGGS**, P.O. Box 710, Richwood, WV 26261, or by e-mail at hobo@richwoodwv.com.



3. **POWERS, STOUT, TETER**. I have a mystery involving William D. **POWERS** (b. ca. 1765, d. 1855), Hannah **STOUT** (d. Sep 4, 1846), Jemima **TETER**, and their offspring, Berman **POWERS** and Benoni **TETER**. I have documentation that William **POWERS** married Hannah **STOUT** on May 21, 1788. I have records showing this marriage resulted in eight children, the last in 1798. I have no record of a marriage between William **POWERS** and Jemima **TETER**. However, Lewis County death records show the following:

Name: **POWERS Berman T.** Date of Death: **26 Aug 1891** Age: **76y1m22d**  
Place of Birth: **Lewis** Parents: **POWERS, William & Jemima**  
Reported By: **POWERS E.R., son** Cause: **rheumatism** Place of Death: **Sand Fork**  
Place of Burial: **Marvin Chapel Cemetery** Marital Status: **widower**

From the above, one can determine that Berman was born ca. 1815. Also, I have documentation that William **POWERS** and Jemima **TETER** are the parents of Benoni **TETER**, b. July 4, 1815 (e.g. HC Journal Vol. XIV, Issue 2, 1995-1996, *Benoni T. Powers Family* by Michael O. Gould.)

My big question is...how did these two children of William **POWERS** and Jemima **TETER** turn up in the middle of a 58-year marriage between **POWERS** and Hannah **STOUT**? Were **POWERS** and **STOUT** perhaps divorced or separated at the time, and later got back together? And why is Benoni's last name listed as **TETER** in some writings rather than **POWERS** as was Berman's? If anyone has any evidence that might help solve this mystery, please contact Gloria **POWERS HUSK**, 114 Arizona Street, Carrabelle, FL 32322, or by e-mail at [gjhusk@gloryway.com](mailto:gjhusk@gloryway.com).

4. I am looking for death information for my gggg grandfather, Daniel **CONRAD**. The son of Jacob **CONRAD** and Hannah **BOGARD**, he was born in Pendleton Co., VA in April 1781. His death date and location is unknown by me at the present time. He married Margaret **SHIELDS** April 14, 1806 in Lewis Co., (W)VA. The daughter of Peter **SHIELDS** and Elizabeth **SINGLETON**, she was b. 1783 d. November 14, 1862 in Lewis Co., WV. She is buried in the Orlando Cemetery, Orlando, WV. It is believed that Daniel and Margaret were separated or divorced. Daniel and Margaret had four children known to me: Chrisman, b. 1812, John B., b. 1814, Phebe, b. 1815 and Lemuel, b. 1820. I would also like to know if they had any other children not listed here. Please contact me via e-mail at: [JCCEKOST@aol.com](mailto:JCCEKOST@aol.com) or write to Cindy **KOSTKA**, 12 Montello St. Ext., Brockton, MA 02301-7101.

5. I am seeking the burial locations for the following family members:

John Burton **BLAKE** d. February 19, 1886  
Abigail **CRISMORE BLAKE** d. 1895  
Isaac **RIFFLE Sr.** d. 1870-1880  
Elizabeth **WASH RIFFLE** d. September 19, 1854  
Jacob Isaac **RIFFLE** d. 9-13-1895  
Francina Elizabeth **BLAKE RIFFLE** after 1867  
John Scott **RIFFLE** d. September 19, 1910 - possibly in Central WV  
Nancy **KELLOR AYLOR RIFFLE** d. after September 1907 - possibly in Central WV  
Benjamin **POSEY** d. July 8, 1894  
Sophrana "Fannie" **ROBINSON POSEY** d. after 1880 (possibly June 21, 1896)

I believe all died in Braxton or Lewis Co. unless otherwise noted. Please reply by email to [JCCEKOST@aol.com](mailto:JCCEKOST@aol.com) or Cindy **KOSTKA**, 12 Montello St Ext, Brockton, MA 02301.

6. I hope someone will be able to find a connection for me to get me heading in the right direction. I cannot seem to find a connection on my gggg grandfather Edward **ROBERTSON-ROBINSON-ROBERSON**. This is what I have on him, his marriage and children. Can someone please tell me anything about him! I would really like to learn who his parents, siblings, etc. were.

Descendants of Edward **ROBERTSON**:

- 1 Edward **ROBERTSON** b: 1770-1780. ..
  - +Mary **COGAR** m: October 13, 1804 in Franklin Co., VA b: Abt. 1786.
- 2 Mary Elizabeth **ROBERSON** b: Abt. March 13, 1807 in Franklin Co., VA.
  - +Eli **WILSON** b: March 26, 1808 in Randolph Co., VA.
- 2 Nancy **ROBERSON** b: Abt. 1808 in VA.
  - +James F. **MOLLOHAN** m: Abt. February 15, 1833 in Lewis Co., VA b: Abt. 1805 in VA.
- 2 Susannah **ROBINSON** b: Abt. 1813 in VA.
  - +Absolom **RIFFLE** m: April 12, 1832 in Lewis Co., VA b: March 1808 in Randolph Co., VA.
- 2 Cynthia **ROBINSON** b: Abt. 1815.
  - +**[1]** Benjamin H./Franklin **POSEY** m: November 7, 1836 in Braxton Co., VA b: 1815 in VA.
- 2 Son **ROBERSON** b: 1815-1820.
- 2 Daughter **ROBERSON** b: 1815-1825.
- 2 Jane **ROBERSON** b: 1820-1825.
- 2 Sophrana "Fanny" **ROBINSON** b: 1823-1826 in VA.
  - +**[1]** Benjamin H./Franklin **POSEY** m: November 5, 1851 in Braxton Co., VA b: 1815 in VA.

Note that Edward **ROBERTSON'S** estate was settled in Braxton Co., (W)VA in 1836. If you have any information on this Edward **ROBERTSON**, Please contact Cindy **KOSTKA** via email at JCCEKOST@aol.com or 12 Montello St. Ext. Brockton, MA 02301-7101

7. I am looking for information on my g-grandmother, Martha Alcindy **WOOD** (1864-1897) - born and died of TB in Barbour County. On March 23, 1882, in Barbour County, she married James Breckenridge **EVERSON** (1859-1929), a Church of Christ minister. He was born in Barbour County, died in Upshur County. Martha was his first wife. After she died, he remarried to Martha **REGESTER**. I am looking for any information on Martha Alcindy's sibblings (birth and death dates, who they married, etc.) Her parents were Allen **WOOD** and Arah **ENGLAND**. I also need information on them. Thank you for any help...please reply to Linda **ARCHIE**, 4763 Mt. Aukum Rd., Placerville, CA, or e-mail limarch@directcon.net.

8. The surnames I am researching are, **MARKS**, **WALKER**, **ZICKEFOOSE**, **GOODEN**, **McAVOY** and **HACKER** in Gilmer, Upshur, and all surrounding counties in WV. I need help in finding out what happened to Laura B. (**WALKER**) **LOUGH**, born May 1890 in Nicholas Co., WV, married to William R. **LOUGH**, Webster Co., WV, on Oct. 25, 1907. She may have divorced William. Her children were, Adra **LOUGH** b 1909, Mary M. **LOUGH** b. Upper Glade, Webster Co. Oct 31, 1910, and Herbert **LOUGH**, b. Webster Co. Apr. 9, 1916. Laura disappeared, perhaps in the 1930s. My grandmother ( Mary J **WALKER MARKS**) said one of her greatest wishes was to find her. She died never knowing what happened to her sister. Please reply to Norma (**MARKS**) **BECK**, 177 Oak Park Dr., Forest, MS 39074, or e-mail hebeck@localink4.com.

9. I would like to know the parents of George **GOODEN**, father of Trecie May (**GOODEN**) **ZICKEFOOSE**, Queens, WV. Trecie was born abt. 1901 in Queens. Thanks.

Please reply to Norma (MARKS) BECK, 177 Oak Park Dr., Forest, MS 39074, or e-mail hebeck@localink4.com.

**10. McCALLEY/McCAULEY, CURRY.** John H. CURRY was born 1797 and died 1845. I do not know where he was born or where he died. He married Mary **McCAULEY**, daughter of Herman **McCAULEY** and Margaret **McCAULEY**, date and place unknown. I have not been able to gather information on these four people. According to census records by Wes **COCHRAN**, 1850 Lewis County Census shows Mary **CURRY**, 48, VA as head of the household, living with her is children; Edward I, 17, VA, Louisa, 15, VA, Lyda M., 13, VA, Elizabeth, 9, VA, Mary S., 7, VA, and Nancy V., 5, VA. The 1860 Upshur County Census shows Mary **CURRY** 60, VA, farmer, Elizabeth J., 19, VA, domestic, Susan (must be Mary S. the "S" being for Susan.), 18, VA, domestic, Nancy V., 14, VA, and Margaret **McCALLEY**, 77, VA, old and infirm. The 1870 Upshur County Census shows Mary **CURRY**, 68, VA, living with daughter and son-in-law, William and Elizabeth **MEARNS**. Note the spelling of Margaret's surname in the 1860 Upshur County Census as **McCALLEY**. Children of John and Mary **CURRY**:

- i. Robert E. **CURRY** b. Feb 20, 1822 Va, d. Sept. 25, 1879 Upshur Co, WV.
- ii. Sarah A. (Sallie/Sally) **CURRY** b. Mar 23, 1831 Upshur Co, d. Feb 17, 1907 Harrison Co.
- iii. Edward E. **CURRY** b. May 21, 1833 Upshur Co, d. Dec 11, 1895.
- iv. Louisa **CURRY**, b. May 30, 1835, Lewis Co, d. Sept 29, 1900 Upshur Co.
- v. Lydia Margaret **CURRY** b. August 1837, Lewis Co, d. 1927 Upshur Co.
- vi. Elizabeth Jane **CURRY** b. Oct 1840, d. Dec 19, 1913 Upshur Co.
- vii. Mary Susan **CURRY** b. 1842 Lewis Co.
- viii. Nancy Valenia **CURRY** b. Aug 18, 1845 Upshur Co, d. July 2, 1919.
- ix. James **CURRY**.
- x. John H. **CURRY**.
- xi. James M. **CURRY**.

If you have any more information on John and Mary **CURRY** or Herman and Margaret **McCAULEY**, please contact Mary Ellen **MATHERS**, 5353 Fallsburg Road NE, Newark, OH 43055, or e-mail bichon@alltel.net.

**11.** I'm looking for information on my 4th great-grandmother, Patience **BLAKE**, daughter of Andrew **BLAKE** and Margaret **WILLAMS**. She was b. (my guess) bet. 1794 - 1810 in possibly Greenbrier County, Va. She married George **MATHEWS** in 1827. They had one child I know of, Frances Jane **MATHEWS** (3rd G-Grandmother). Frances married William V. **DUVALL**. Siblings of Patience are: Andrew **BLAKE**, Jr., m. Catherine **CRISSMORE**; Rebecca **BLAKE**, b. 1795, m. Alexander **OCHELTREE**, Jr.; Hanna **BLAKE**, b. 1798, m. Isaac **OCHELTREE**; John Burton **BLAKE**, b. 1810, m. Abigail **CRISSMORE**; and Hugh **BLAKE**, b. 1810, m. Martha **WILLIAMS**. I believe Patience and George lived in Lewis or Braxton County, VA(WV). Please reply to Ron **SKINNER**, 5317 Globe Ave., Lorain, Ohio, 44055-3235, or e-mail rskinner@adelphia.net.

**12.** I'm looking for information on the Hall Hospital in Freemansburg, the first hospital in Lewis Co., WV. It was open from 1904 to 1919. I have some info about the hosp itself from the woman whose parents bought the house/hospital when Dr. **HALL**, the founder, sold it. The house is gone now. I have quite a lot from the old Weston papers, but there must be lots of old records somewhere, unless they were all thrown

out. Please respond to Betty **ROBINSON SORRENTINO**, 1490-4 Descanso Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405 or by e-mail at [brsorrentino@webtv.net](mailto:brsorrentino@webtv.net).

13. I have hit a total impasse and am asking for advise on the best way to seek a birth record for someone whose name, birth county and approximate birth year are all that I have. My grandfather, Lee E. **BROWN**, pictured here with his family, indicated on his 1913 Pike Co, KY, marriage license that he was born in Ritchie County, WV. He said he was 42 years old at the time he applied for this document (on 4/8/1913). However, the next year, he said he was 45 yrs old. So I'm estimating that he was born somewhere between 1868 and 1871. He also said his mother was born in Ritchie County, but his father was born in Jackson Co., OH. I have no middle name for Lee and no names for either the father or mother. Does anyone any ideas for finding a birth record on this man? Thank you in advance for your help. Glenda Brown **SANDERSON** 8002 Castle Pines Court Louisville, KY 40291-4099, or by e-mail to [WSander5@aol.com](mailto:WSander5@aol.com).



14. Hannah **HELMICK**, b 1814, d/o Mary Ann **HACKER** and John **HELMICK**, m John **SIMONS** 12 December 1849 in Lewis County. 1850 census lists them with one child, Rebecca, born in 1850. Unable to locate them in 1860 and '70. I'll admit to looking no further than Lewis County. Can anyone provide a clue about where they went? BTW, John **HELMICK** is buried on our farm here in Georgetown. Mary Ann is said to be buried at Hettie, Braxton County. Does anyone know where? Please reply to Joy **STALNAKER** at 23 Abbott's Run Road, Horner, WV 26372, or by e-mail at [hcpd@access.mountain.net](mailto:hcpd@access.mountain.net).

15. **STEORTS, STORTS, STEORTZ, STURTZ, STOTTS, STAATS. STORTZE**, etc.. Trying to find ancestors of George **STEORTS/STORTS** 1769-1851, born near Hagerstown, MD, died Jane Lew, Lewis Co. (W)VA. The name could have many different spellings, some other than listed above. His father, also a George, was said to have been from Germany, and fought under George **WASHINGTON**. He may have had another son, Frederick, who went west from the Morgantown area when George came to what is now the Lewis/Harrison Co. line area on Rt. 19 just north of Jane Lew. Contact LINDA **STEORTS KAUFMAN**, P.O. Box 380, BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330, or e-mail [kaufman@WVhomes.com](mailto:kaufman@WVhomes.com).

16 **TRACY** or **TRACEY**. Looking for information on John **TRACY** who is buried in old Harmony Cemetery. He was the father of Elizabeth Jane **TRACY** who married Jeremiah **COOKMAN**. I have an old letter that shows there were **TRACY** cousins in Wheeling who were visited by some of the **COOKMAN** family from Jane Lew in the 1850s. n Please reply to Linda **STEORTS KAUFMAN**, P.O. Box 380, Bridgeport, WV 26330, or e-mail [kaufman@WVhomes.com](mailto:kaufman@WVhomes.com).

17. If anyone has any information on locating the resting place in Lewis County, WV or any other information on this family line including the collateral lines, I would



appreciate hearing from you. 1. Chloe **SHELTON** and Amanda **SMITH FITZPATRICK** was living with his or their dau Martha **FITZPATRICK MILTON** and her husband William in 1900 in Lewis County. Hackers Creek Distr. According to the 1900 Lewis Co. census. This could possibly answer the question of why I haven't been able to locate Chloe's final resting place. I have been looking in Gilmer County as that is where a lot of the **FITZPATRICK** family lived and died. Anyone have info on this **FITZPATRICK, SMITH** or **MILTON** line? 2. I would also like info on Amanda **SMITH**. She married Chloe Shelton **FITZPATRICK** on 28 Jan 1862. I believe they had five Children together. Would like more information on this family. 3. I think Chloe's first wife was Margaret **MERRITT**. Would like to find documentation on this. She was b. abt 1817 and d. bef 1862. Anyone know anything on Margaret **MERRITT**? Please reply to Carol **YAKUPCAK**, 11599 Hoover Ave NW, Uniontown, OH 44685, or e-mail Teacross@aol.com.

18. Seeking parents/grandparents of Amos **JARVIS** born abt. 1814 in Virginia; died Jan/Feb 1885 in Lewis County. Married a Mrs. Mary J. **JARVIS**. Children: (all born in Lewis County):

- 1) William **JARVIS**, b. abt 1834
- 2) Margaret **JARVIS**, b. abt 1836
- 3) Susan Lucinda **JARVIS**, b. abt 1837, marr. 10 Mar 1858 to James Norman **JEFFRIES**
- 4) Asa L. **JARVIS**, b. abt 1838, died 2 Feb 1910, marr. 18 Mar 1858 to Mary E. **JEFFRIES**
- 5) Martha A. **JARVIS**, b. abt 1842/1845, died 26 Aug 1881, marr. Jacob A. **FISHER**
- 6) Hugh **JARVIS**, b. abt 1845, marr. 2 Apr 1868 to Ellen E. **BALLARD**
- 7) Mary J. **JARVIS**, b. abt 1849, marr. Orlando **FLESHER**
- 8) James Thomas **JARVIS**, b. 9 Jan 1850, marr. 10 Apr 1871 to Sarah **ROBEY**, died 3 Apr 1928
- 9) Hannah **JARVIS**, b. 7 Oct 1853, died 3 Mar 1856.

Please contact Diane **HILL ZIMMERMAN** 231 S. Hempstead Road Westerville, OH 4308, or e-mail zimmermand@earthlink.net.

19. Seeking parents/grandparents of Susannah **BLACK**, born 27 May 1810 in Lewis Co; married Christopher (Stuffield) **SWIGER** in 1829, and died 17 Aug 1856 at Caldwell Run, Harrison, WV. Children: (All born in Harrison County):  
Edmund Lindy **SWIGER**, b. 10 Jun 1831. marr. Elizabeth **GREEN**

- 1) Asenith (Cena) Ellen **SWIGER**, b. 13 Dec 1832. marr. Hamilton G. **HUSTEAD**
- 2) Margaret Eliza **SWIGER**, b. 22 Dec 1836. marr. Joseph Rezin **THOMPSON**
- 3) Mary E. **SWIGER**, b. 24 Jun 1839. marr. James **DAVIS**
- 4) William H. **SWIGER**, b. abt 1844. marr. Harriet **DAVIDSON**
- 5) George W. **SWIGER**, b. abt 1845. marr. Alice **MOONEY**
- 6) Delilah R. **SWIGER**, b. 20 Jan 1847. marr. George L. **MARTIN**
- 7) Elmus Hamilton **SWIGER**, b. 11 Jun 1848. marr. Angeline **CHRISLIP**
- 8) Harriet A. **SWIGER**, b. abt 1851.

Please contact Diane **HILL ZIMMERMAN** 231 S. Hempstead Road Westerville, OH 4308, or e-mail zimmermand@earthlink.net.

20. I am interested in any information that anybody might be able to share with me about the **MACE**, **McCLAIN**, **SPAUR**, or **KNIGHT** families of West Virginia. I have traced the **McCLAIN** back to Charlemagne, **SPAUR** for 14 generations, and **MACE** for nine generations and I will be glad to trade the information I have. If you have information to share, please contact Mrs. Macel **MACE RUTH**, 8756 Barcelona Plaze, Westminster, CA 92683 or call me at (714) 891-7545.

21. I am looking for information on Samuel R. **COTTERILL** and his wife, Sarah A. **RITTER**. As mentioned in the Lewis County Deed Book G2, page 629, Samuel sold 1\9 share of his father's land on 7 Dec 1839. The document identifies his parents as William and Rachael **COTTERAL**. Samuel married Sarah 21 Aug 1840, in Miegs County. Their children were:

Emily, b. 1842(1850 Lewis Co. census), m. Nathaniel **WARTON**, 7 Aug 1859, Lewis Co. Infant, d. 17 Apr 1843, bur. Harmony Church Cemetery.

Infant son, d. 11 AUG 1844, bur. Harmony Church Cemetery.

William, b.1846 (1850 & 1860 Lewis Co. census).

Virginia, b. 15 Jan 1850, d. 18 Mar 1852 (Mortality Schedule & Harmony Church Cemetery records).

Baby **COTTERILL**, d. 17 Apr 1863, bur. Harmony Church Cemetery.

The children buried in Harmony Church Cemetery have stones marking them as children of Samuel and Sarah A. **COTTERILL**. The Marriage License gives Emily's parents as Samuel R. and Ary A. **COTTERAL**, and states they were married in the home of Sarah's mother, Ary A. **COTTERAL**. The 1870 Berkeley Co. census shows Sarah living with daughter & son in law, but does not mention Samuel. What happened to Samuel after 1863 or to Sarah after 1870? If you can shed some light on what becaue of Samuel and Sarah, or why the confusion on Emily's last name, please contact Daisy E. **LANCASTER**, 12811 Moores Chapel Road, Charlotte, NC 28214-8951.

### *Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia Reprinted*

*Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia* by Lucullus **McWHORTER** has been reprinted and is available through HCPD at \$14.95 plus \$3 S&H, plus 6% sales tax for WV residents. The book is indexed. Help our organization by ordering through HCPD. Visit the HCPD website (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~hcpd>) and in the Table of Contents, click on the square on ordering publications, or send name and address, and a check, money order, or credit card info HCPD, 23 Abbotts Run Road, Horner, WV 26372 or call 304-269-7091, Mon and Thurs 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.; Tues, Wed, and Fri, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., or Sat 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (but see the following announcement).

### ➤➤➤➤ HCPD TEMPORARY CLOSURE ◀◀◀◀

The HCPD Library will be closed March 1 - 19 for electrical and insulation work. Office staff will be in sporadically to pick up mail and check the answering machine. Out-of-townners who have already made plans to visit during that period can contact any of the officers listed in the front of this Journal to see if special provisions can be made.



## HCPD Librarian Irma Curtis

Irma CURTIS is our HCPD Librarian and has been for umpteen years. She knows and does what librarians do best...making it easy for members to find books that otherwise might be hopelessly lost.

In the early days when HCPD was located in a small storage room in Weston's Lewis Bennett Public Library, Irma prepared a card file in a small wooden case. Maurice ALLMAN found another wooden file case in the Philippi Public Library and they gave it to HCPD. Irma soon filled that one, too.

But, "they" (mostly friends and co-workers at HCPD) said she should make a "computer" card file. So Joy and the late Charles GILCHRIST worked up a step-by-step entries method to access the program. But many members felt intimidated, became lost, discouraged, frustrated, and disgusted, wasted time, didn't want to seek help, and understandably rekindled their love for the time-honored, customary, old-fashion card file system that Irma loving prepared and continues to maintain.

Each week, several family histories arrive along with donated historic books and some books purchased by HCPD for reference. They don't sit around for very long. Irma frequently takes arm loads of books home to prepare cards, puts a dab of white paint on each book, lets it dry, and then paints a specific book number on it corresponding to the number on the new card.

She then totes the books and cards back to the HCPD Library where she and volunteers carefully place each book in its alphabetical location on the shelves where members can easily find each when doing genealogy research. Frequently, at HCPD Board meetings, issues will come before the Board concerning the inflow of books to be catalogued. As usual, Irma will cheerfully say "I can take that home and work on it!" When visiting Horner, be sure to say "Hi" to hard-working Irma!

### *Michael Stumpf I Reunion*

The second "*Michael STUMPF I*" reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 17, 2000, at the Stumpf Run Farms, owned by John BUHL. The farms are located on the South Fork road, 14 miles south of Moorefield, Hardy County, WV. Watch for STUMP REUNION signs. Since the first reunion in 1993, the home and farms have been placed on the *National Registry of Historic Places*. A bronze plaque portraying this honor will be dedicated at this reunion. Bring your picnic basket and chair or blanket, and join the family. Also bring pictures, papers, or books for the memorabilia table. The event starts at noon...lunch at 1:00 PM. For further details, contact one of the following: Geraldine STUMP, HC 66, Box 24, Romney, WV 26757, (304) 822-3798, or Lela S. BONNER, Rt. 1, Box 8, Reedsville, WV 26547, (304) 864-5309.



## What's Up at HCPD?

*Miscellaneous Notes from Joy*

Alice Ann Waugh **KALLMERTEN** won the *Holiday Heritage Basket*. At the time of this writing, she was going to pick up her goodies in a special trip "home" from North Carolina in January or February. Congratulations, Alice!

Those of you who attended the 1999 gathering will know that we owed a little over \$5000 on repairs already done to the building at that time. The membership at that meeting gave a mandate that we were to pay off the debt and begin raising funds to do electrical work. However, no one said how we were to do that.

Well...thanks to the efforts of many, we've worked off the repairs debt! With funds from increased dues, and the raffle that alone raised \$1282, we paid off all the debt except for \$1043. Those of us here at the office (including volunteers and staff) decided to make an effort to pay this \$1043 off by Christmas - as a Christmas gift to all of HCPD - and I am very happy to tell you that we did it! All those that had a part in this debt retirement...pat yourselves on the back! It's great to be able to enter the new millennium without worrying about that debt!

Oh yes...we have \$3248.13 in the building fund that will go toward electrical and other work. We have received bids for the work. The labor alone for electrical work and insulation is \$10,300. That does not include materials. We are waiting on those estimates. Replacement windows are another \$7000 (includes windows and installation). Siding will be \$9000 labor plus material. One of our members is working hard to get as much of the materials donated as possible. The board is going to talk to the bank about a building loan so that we can get moving and get the building completed. It will also be much easier to pay it off with a set amount.

And if we are able to get the loan, it will mean another debt to retire, and another opportunity for the membership to donate funds to help HPCD grow. And, if you don't feel that you can give to this, that's okay too. Many of you have helped out along the way and the board and staff and all our members truly do appreciate it.

HCPD thrives and grows on the generosity and thoughtfulness of its members...let's all pull together as we grow in the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

### × × × Announce Your Family Reunion Here!! × × ×

Mary Creamer had the great idea of announcing known family reunions for the year 2000 in the Journal. It was too late to get the word out and announce them in Issue #1 (this one) as Mary suggested, so we'll go for #2 to be mailed in May. To announce a reunion, just send a brief snippet...**who, where, when, and point of contact**...to the Library, or to Perry "Buzz" Brake at 5416 60<sup>th</sup> Ave Ct W, Tacoma, WA 98467-2979.



## My Dear Brother...



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This letter is from Rulina **STEORTS BOTT** to her brother, George Washington **STEORTS**, at Wallback, West Virginia. I transcribed the letter from the original in September 1998. George Washington **STEORTS** was my Great Grandfather. Following the letter is more information about the family.

Linda **STEORTS KAUFMAN**

Ellensburg, Kittitas Co, Wash.

May 30, 1901

My Dear Brother,

Yours of the 14th received, as I have a little time I will try to answer your ever welcome and kind letter. We were truly glad to hear from you and family, to hear that you are all living. We should be truly thankful of the privilege of writing to each other. When thought wanders back to our childhood days, in imagination I can recall many happy hours. Mother would say where one of us was the other was. You and I were always together when we would stay at play and get so hungry, wouldn't we go for the old kitchen and Aunt Alse(?) for something to eat, and we always got it. Brother, I could write pages about our young days, but will stop here. You remember as much as I do.

John and Will finished their three-quarter mile fence. It is a good one. Will is mowing for next summers crop, John is hoeing in the garden. You know what I am doing, writing. It keeps us all a hustling to keep things moving. I don't remember whether I told you, Will owns two hundred and forty acres of land and all fruit, for the party that owned the two hundred acres lives in New York, his deed was made in New York and sent to Italy to be signed. The lady that owned it was there. It has the Italy seal on it. So he has a warrant deed for it. Will sold the other day three steers for one hundred and forty dollars. This spring he sold several tons of hay at six and seven dollars a ton. Last fall he sold his timothy hay in the stack for nine dollars seventy five a ton. He will have a good lot of hay to cut this summer. He has his own machines. There are no hills to work over, all level. The crop is looking fine, fine prospect for a big yield. A great part of the hay goes to the Philippines Island and Honolulu. Some is consumed at Seattle and other ports, some to Alaska. Uncle Sam has a heavy burden on his shoulder. I question if it don't cause the old man to become hump shouldered. The Cubans are clamoring for their rights, it seems the government is not fulfilling their promises to them.

Quite an accident happened to one of the butchers in town. He went out in the country to get some beef, his horse stepped in a badger hole, fell on him, crushed him so he died yesterday morning.

*I had a letter from Jessie the other day. She said they were all well, her husband runs a hops ranch. Nate raises alfalfa. He has a good ranch. He lives in Yakima County in the Moxee Valley forty five miles from here. He drives it in less than a day. He drives like John. His twin boys are big boys now. He has four children, two boys, two girls. Jessie has one child, you see we are great grandfather and mother. I have not had any letters yet from Isaac's. Dora's daughter wrote me about the death and burial of sister. Isaac put her in a slate vault. Her burial was a gorgeous one, which she deserved, trusting their loss is her eternal gain. It was Sallie **CARR** they sent to the asylum. You did not say anything about Ashby. Where is he, is he married. We were glad to see John's photo, do not know who he looks like without it is his old aunt. He must send me his wife's picture. Wishing them all the happiness this earth can afford.*

*Eunice, you must come to the Pacific Coast and I will stand sponsor if you don't marry sure one of the well-to-do bachelors here. Good girls are scarce here. Will is still single, he says he is going east to get him a wife, he says the girls have been picked over, he doesn't want the cuts. Brother, why couldn't you and Sister make us a visit, I am sure you would enjoy the trip. I believe it would be beneficial...come, we will give you all the strawberries you can eat for a month. When you write give us all the news and especially of our old friend. I will have to close as it is getting late, write when you can. This leaves us all well, hope it may find you all the same.*

*I send a verse to Eunice and John for them to paste in their autograph album. Much love to all of you. May the Lord sustain us all, goodbye.*

Your loving Sister, **Rulina BOTT**



George Washington **STEORTS**, 1834 - 1914, and his sister, **Rulina**, 1832 - 1923, grew up just north of Jane Lew, Lewis Co., WV near the present day line between Lewis and Harrison Counties along Route 19. Their parents were George **STEORTS**, 1769 - 1851, and Eunice **BAILEY STALNAKER**, 1790 - 1854. Eunice, the widow of John Whitman **STALNAKER**, had five **STALNAKER** children. Her parents, Minter **BAILEY**, Sr. and Ann Nancy **NORRIS BAILEY**, owned adjoining land where Jesse **HUGHES'** father and at least one other were killed by Indians. Eunice's brother, Minter **BAILEY**, Jr., was the owner of the Bailey House in Weston, President of the Board for the Insane Asylum in the 1850's while it was under construction, took care of affairs for Stonewall **JACKSON** while he was in the Mexican War, and was prominent in the business activities in the area.

Part of the old Bailey farm including the family cemetery is owned today [1999] by attorney, James W. **MARTIN** and his wife, Dee. Their home, which dates back to about 1900, is said to be haunted by a friendly gentleman. This is mentioned in the new county history book.

George and Eunice were married in 1827 by Rev. John **MITCHELL**. He was 58 and she was 36, and they had six children! There was a prenuptial agreement before the wedding...probably unusual for that day. It is for personal property and lists all her many animals, including "one horse, female kind." It is a full two pages long and not yet translated and typed. One sister, Hepsibah, married Isaac **JACKSON**, her first

cousin, whose mother was Eunice's sister, Hannah. They lived in a two-story, pre-Civil War house on Main Street in Jane Lew. Isaac was a very successful farmer and businessman.

The STEORTS/STORTS family according to family tradition came from Germany. The immigrant was George, Sr., father to George, Jr., 1769 - 1851 who fought under George WASHINGTON in the Revolutionary War. The original spelling of the family name was not STEORTS. STORTS may have been closer. There were three brothers, George Washington STEORTS, Perry Commodore STORTS who went to Missouri, and a third brother, James William Bailey STORTS (?) who died apparently without having children. He was in the Northern Army during the Civil War and died after being held prisoner in Libby Prison. The only people known to use the name STEORTS are descendants of George Washington STEORTS and some of them use a "Z" on the end instead of "S."

Perry Commodore STEORTS must have been a really colorful character. He was with QUANTRILL's Raiders during the Civil War along with the JAMES Brothers in their pre-bank robbing days. Also with the gang (and this isn't mentioned in WV history books but it has been confirmed by more than one source) was Stephen B. ELKINS, later Senator ELKINS of Elkins, WV, and Davis and Elkins College fame. When Perry visited his family here around 1900 he also went to Elkins to visit the good Senator. His son, Commodore Perry STORTS' family were friends of the Harry TRUMAN family. My uncle, Earl STEORTS, used to visit the Missouri branch of the family as late as about 1950. I met the daughter-in-law of Commodore Perry several years ago and she told stories of the connection with the TRUMAN family. Commodore Perry STORTS was a very prominent Baptist who almost ran for governor at some point but poor health prevented completion of the campaign. He had a brother, Brick Pomeroy STORTS, whose son, Brick II, was a doctor in Tucson, AZ where he was honored by having part of a hospital named for him. His grandson, Brick Pomeroy STORTS III is an attorney in Tucson now. Brick P. STORTS IV lives in Kansas City, MO, not far from the Perry Commodore STORTS's farm acquired in the 1850's. Part of the original land is still in the family.

*Linda STEORTS KAUFMAN*

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## Prince William County, VA, to Celebrate "Families Remembered"

*by Suzanne B. CURRAN*

The Prince William County (VA) Genealogical Society (PWCGS) has designed a special celebration as part of the county millennium commemoration, "Centuries of Pride and Progress." May 19-21, 2000 is the weekend for individual family reunions and a community-wide family reunion we are calling "Families Remembered." Among the events:



- May 19 - PWCGS 3rd annual Ancestors Costume Ball and colonial dinner.
- May 20 - open all day for individual family reunions or personal research in the any research repositories in our nation's capital, plus...
  - Civil War reenactment at the Brentsville Historic Center,
  - 18th Century Market days at the Ben Lomond House with one of America's largest collection of antique roses on its grounds, and,
  - in the evening, American music, "A Trip Through History with Music."
- May 21 - 4th annual Genealogical & Historical Resource Fair presented by PWCGS. The fair will include a wide variety of antiques, musical presentations by local artists and, of course, food.

The founding families of the county recognize the first European visitor to be John Smith in 1608. The oldest legible gravestone is dated 1694. Prince William County has a deep, and rich, immigrant historical story to tell and celebrate. Many of the founding families hail from Scotland...the Hendersons, the Grahams, and many more. PWCGS is hoping its "Families Remembered" weekend will raise the awareness of that history and the human stories that abound throughout the nearly four centuries of settlement in the region.

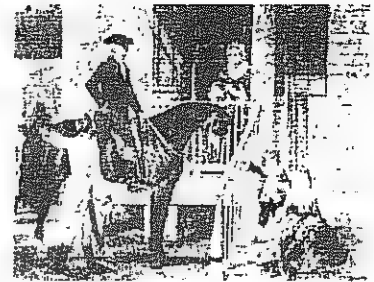
The PWCGS is requesting families with local connections to write their family histories, gather memorabilia, tape conversations with family elders and the very young, and to share all of this wealth with the society's archives. The National Endowment to the Humanities and the Federation of Genealogical Societies is encouraging all Americans to place their stories into a local repository. The PWCGS invites its members and friends to provide copies of their family histories and documents for its Archives whatever the date of arrival in Prince William County. Each of us contributes to the community history.

A "First Families" program is open to those with ancestors in Prince William County before 1831 and we are encouraging new applicants. Special millennium certificates will be issued during the "Families Remembered" weekend. Applications are on our website or you may write to the address below for information on the application process. To be recognized in May, all completed applications must be received from most by March 1, 2000, but a special deadline of April 1 has been approved for HCPD members to allow time for the word to get out through this issue of the *HC Journal*.

Family reunions trigger memories. Memories are legacies from the past, given to the present, and held in trust for the future. PWCGS hopes its efforts in May will trigger many memories to be shared with the community at large. For information about the "Families Remembered" weekend or about the society, please write to: PWCGS, P O Box 2019, Manassas, VA 20108-0812, E-mail: Lweezie90@aol.com, visit: [www.rootsweb.com/~vapwcfgs/pwcfgs.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~vapwcfgs/pwcfgs.htm) or [www.prideandprogress.org](http://www.prideandprogress.org), or you may telephone toll free: 1-888-927-9247.

## Elijah Arnold and Prudence Jackson of Lewis County, WV and Their Children

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"*The Ancestors of Elijah ARNOLD (1771-1849) of Lewis County, WV*" by Dan HYDE was published in Issue 4, 1999, of this Journal. This is a follow up article tracing the descendants of Elijah and his wife, Prudence JACKSON.

Elijah ARNOLD was born in 1771 Fauquier County, VA (d. 8 Dec 1849 Lewis Co., (W)V) and on March 31, 1814 married Prudence JACKSON (b. 25 Jan 1789 Clarksburg, Harrison Co., (W)V, d. 21 Jun 1855 Weston, Lewis Co., (W)V). "Elijah ARNOLD and Prudence JACKSON became the ancestors of most of the ARNOLDS in Lewis County, West Virginia." [1] This article lists their children and grandchildren, several of whom were prominent individuals of Lewis and the surrounding counties. A previous article by the author discussed the parentage of Elijah ARNOLD (*HCPD Newsletter Vol. XVII, Issue 4*).

Prudence was the sixth child of George and Elizabeth (BRAKE) JACKSON and was raised in Clarksburg, WV. In 1807 she moved to Zanesville, Ohio, with her father. The following is from an old record found in the Clerk's office at Zanesville, Ohio:

"It is hereby certified that on Thursday, the 31st of March, 1814, I joined in marriage relation Elijah ARNOLD of the County of Fauquier of Virginia, and Prudence JACKSON, of the County of Muskingum, Zanesville, Ohio."

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A year before in 1813, Elijah ARNOLD had made his deed of gift. It begins:

"Know all men by these presents that I, Elijah ARNOLD, of Forquor [Fauquier] County, and State of Virginia. For and in consideration of the mutual love and affection which I bear to Miss Prudence JACKSON, a daughter of Col. George JACKSON, of the State of Ohio. Have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant unto the said Prudence JACKSON, her heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, the following property: ..." [2]

In his gift, Elijah gave her one half interest in his merchant mill and land adjacent on the Fiery Run, the dwelling house and four acres, the Mill seat on the main branch of the Rappahannock River and adjoining land. He also gave Prudence a Mulatto woman named Judah, and her infant twins and her boy Washington. [2]

The following tribute to Prudence and Elijah was probably written by their great-granddaughter Mary Prudence (McCLELLEN) O'HARA, d/o John Harper McCLELLEN and Floride ARNOLD [3].

"This marriage took place in 1814. Elijah ARNOLD was prepared to escort his bride, a tall stately brunette, to her new home in grand style. His handsome carriage, with its silver trappings and many outriders, had four magnificent blooded horses to draw it. On their way to Virginia they made a stop in Clarksburg and visited at the stately home of the bride's brother, John G. JACKSON. This visit was long remembered by the people of Clarksburg on account of the magnificent appearance of the groom and the splendor of his equipage. The like of which had never been seen in Clarksburg before.

"Elijah ARNOLD was born in Fauquier County, Virginia, in 1772. He was a planter and merchant. Having inherited a great fortune from both his father, Isaac ARNOLD, and his mother, who was Mary PORTER, the eldest child of Samuel PORTER.

"In [1824] Col. George JACKSON gave his daughter Prudence one mile square, or 640 acres, of his wild land in Collins Settlement. A certain portion of which was "to be laid off in town lots and sold for the benefit of my daughter Prudence." The town was to be called Jacksonville. December 1825, she sold [many] acres of this land to Henry CAMDEN. Soon after this Elijah ARNOLD lost his large estate. He had been going security for relatives and friends, and was obliged to pay their debts. Everything was lost. Even the property of the deed of gift. Although many years were lost in trying to regain her dower, Prudence JACKSON was never able to recover anything.

"In 1827 they moved to Clarksburg. About 1830 they moved to "Collins settlement" where they built a two-story log house. A village soon sprung up and in [1858] the name was changed to Jacksonville. This log house, which is still standing, was white washed and called by the settlers for miles around the 'Big White House.'

"Elijah ARNOLD was tall, of fine carriage, was considered by many as one of the handsomest men of that day. He was very literary and spent the remaining years of his life among his books and papers.

"Prudence JACKSON seemed to have possessed a strong character, evidently she inherited much from her grandmother, Elizabeth CUMMINS. The following item is taken from her obituary, "She was a woman of strong intellect and possessed much useful and practical information." At the time of their moving to Collins Settlement the county was but sparsely settled, and very little of the county had been cleared of woods. The ARNOLD boys were young and to encourage them their mother would take her knitting to the clearing and sit there, while they worked. She held high ambitions for her children, and did much towards helping them in their several achievements.

"In the fall of each year it was customary for Elijah ARNOLD to make an annual visit to Virginia, so that he might attend mass of the Roman Catholic Church at Winchester, of which he was a member. On his return from one of these visits he stopped in Weston to visit his son, William Edward ARNOLD, was taken ill and died [of

"Gravel" states Lewis Co., (WV) Mortality Schedule, 1850] on December 8, 1849, and is buried in the old **ARNOLD** cemetery [near the end of Arnold Street, Weston, WV].

"Some time after his death Prudence (**JACKSON**) **ARNOLD** moved to Weston and made her home with her unmarried son, George Jackson [**ARNOLD**]. Although at the time he invited her to come and live with him, she remarked that "yes" she would come to his house to live, but that hereafter it was to be her home and that he could live with her. There she died June 21, 1855, and was laid to rest at the side of her husband. The Collins Settlement land which she inherited from her father she gave to her sons." [3]

The children and grandchildren of Elijah and Prudence (**JACKSON**) **ARNOLD** are the following: [3, 4]

1. George Jackson "Old Jack" **ARNOLD** (b. 16 Mar 1816, Culpeper Co., VA; d. 26 Sep 1899 on "Old Indian Farm" Arnold, Lewis Co., WV, bur. Machpelah, Cem., Weston, WV) m. 3 Aug. 1865 Savannah, Mason Co., IL, Angaline "Anna" **SWICK** (b. 21 Jul 1847; d. 1 Dec 1887 of Brights disease at home, Jacksonville, Lewis Co., WV, bur. Machpelah, Cem., Weston, WV).

In 1830, when only 14 years old, George Jackson **ARNOLD** moved with his parents to Old Collins Settlement now Jacksonville, Lewis Co., WV. In his youth, George Jackson **ARNOLD** was a famous hunter [5], a great mower and a champion cradler. He once cradled seven acres of oats for William **BENNETT** in one day [6].

Later he taught school in a log house near Jacksonville, Lewis Co., WV. In 1848, he was admitted to the bar and formed a large law practice in Weston. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Lewis Co. in 1852 and again in 1856. In 1861 he was elected to the Legislature of Virginia. The Civil War coming on George J. **ARNOLD**, being opposed to secession, went as a delegate to Wheeling in July, 1861, where the Legislature of the Restored Government of Virginia was in session. He was placed on the committee to prepare a bill for the formation of a new State and gave the movement his hearty support. He was the draughtsman of the bill that gave the country the new state of West Virginia. [7]

George J. **ARNOLD** retired to private life after West Virginia was made a State remaining in his law practice and farming and stock raising until 1878 when he was elected to the House of Delegates of West Virginia. Around 1880, he started a store and "The Indian Farm Hotel" at Arnold, Lewis Co., WV. The Hotel became a central freight station with stock pens for the B&O Rail Road and was known as Arnold Station. In his time, he was one of the largest landowners and cattle grazers in West Virginia [7].

Before George J. **ARNOLD** was married to Ann **SWICK**, he fathered three children from three different women -- Susan **WHEELER**, Mrs. Amy/Ora (**MEANS**) **BATTEN** and a Miss **HARRIS**. The Harris boy died at the age of seventeen [8]. In 1872, George gave land "for natural love and affection and one dollar" [9] to his two daughters Virginia L. **BATTEN** and Amanda Jane **ARNOLD**. Virginia's mother, Amy **MEANS**, married Richard **BATTEN** in 1836 and Virginia L. **BATTEN** was born 18 Nov 1840. Virginia married

George W. **ALLMAN** in 1860. Legend tells us that Susan **WHEELER**'s daughter Amanda Jane was raised by her grandmother, Prudence **ARNOLD**, and other members of the family. Amanda Jane **ARNOLD** (b. 15 Mar 1841 Lewis Co., WV; d. 16 Dec 1881 Lewis Co. WV, bur. Hall Cem., Abram's Run, Lewis Co., WV) m. on 15 Mar 1861 Lewis Co., WV, John Strange **HALL** (b. 29 Jan 1826 Big Skin Creek, Lewis Co., WV; d. 30 Mar 1912 Abram's Run, Lewis Co., W, bur. same Hall cem.). John was a younger brother of Joseph **HALL** who married George's sister Mary Elizabeth **ARNOLD**.

George J. **ARNOLD** and Ann **SWICK** had the following children:

- a). Porter M. **ARNOLD** (b. 25 Oct 1866 Lewis Co., WV; d. 26 May 1959 Lewis Co., WV, bur. Machpelah, Cem., Weston, WV) m. 14 Feb 1900 Bernice "Bennie" Francis **ALKIRE** (22 Aug 1872; d. 20 Feb 1959, bur. Machpelah, Cem., Weston, WV). Bernie was a prime mover in bringing about the Lewis Bennett Public Library in Weston.
- b). Ada **ARNOLD** (b. 2 Aug 1868; d. 2 Oct. 1871, bur. Machpelah, Cem., Weston, WV).
- c). Genevieve A. **ARNOLD** (b. 14 May 1869) m. aft. 1900 Mr. T. J. **BROWN**, res. Washington, DC.
- d). Mary D'Arcy **ARNOLD** (b. ca 1872; d. 31 Oct 1900 Denver, CO, age 29, bur. Machpelah, Cem., Weston, WV) m. John W. **WILLIAMS** (d. 21 Jan 1901 Weston, age 34, bur. Machpelah, Cem., Weston, WV). John was a telephone operator.
- e). Maude A. **ARNOLD** (b. 16 Mar 1874) m. aft. 1900 Mr. Edward A. **GILLAN/GILLON**, res. Washington, DC.
- f). Col. Jackson **ARNOLD** (b. 16 Sep 1875; d. 6 Jun 1933 Weston, WV of pneumonia) m. 18 Apr 1908 Mary Mayme **COX**, (b. 1884; d. 21 Mar 1928, bur. Machpelah, Cem., Weston, WV), d/o James **COX** of Ashland, KY. **JACKSON** was a Captain in Spanish American War and a Lieutenant Colonel in WWI. He was an attorney and the first Superintendent of WV State Police.
- g). George F. A. **ARNOLD** (b. 2 Nov 1877 Weston, Lewis Co., WV; d. 11 Jan 1919) m. 5 May 1905 Weston, WV, Bertie **ROHRBOUGH** (b. 7 Aug 1879 Lewis Co., WV; d. 6 Oct 1958 Albuquerque, NM), d/o Nicholas Columbus and Sarah Catherine (**WEST**) **ROHRBOUGH**.
- h). Florence "Florrie" A. **ARNOLD** (b. 16 Apr 1870) m. #1 Lee Gorrell; m. #2 13 Aug 1928 Howard Elmer **WILLIAMS**.

2. William Edward **ARNOLD** (b. 10 Apr 1817 Culpeper Co., VA; d. 30 Apr 1890 Lewis Co., WV, of cerebral hem., bur. Arnold Hill Cem., Weston, WV) m. 10 May 1848, Harrison Co., WV Susan Martin **WILSON** (b. 13 Apr 1827 Harrisonburg, PA; d. 22 Jul 1899 of cancer, bur. Arnold Hill Cem., Weston, WV) d/o Col. Josiah Davisson and Mary (**MARTIN**) **WILSON** of "Wilsonburg" near Clarksburg, WV.

William Edward **ARNOLD** studied under Professor **WHEELER** at Rector College, Pruntytown, WV. He studied law at Pruntytown, WV and Staunton, VA and moved to Weston where he obtained his license to practice law in 1845. He held a prominent position for many years at the bar. He was elected to represent Lewis Co. in the

Virginia State Legislature in 1857 and reelected in 1859. He was active and zealous in procuring the passage of the act establishing the Lunatic Asylum in Weston, the first such institution west of the Allegheny Mountains. He was appointed one of the Asylum's original Directors. He was elected in 1876 to represent Lewis Co. in the WV Legislature. He was also an extensive farmer and stock grazer.

William Edward **ARNOLD** and Susan Martin **WILSON** had eight children of which only three lived to maturity.

- a). Mary **ARNOLD** (b. 8 Mar 1849 Weston, Lewis Co., WV; d. 21 Aug 1925, bur. Machpelah, Cem., Weston, WV) m. 11 Apr 1871 Dr. Thomas Bland **EDMISTON** (b. 1 Dec 1844 Weston, Lewis Co., WV; d. 26 Dec 1894 Baltimore, bur. Machpelah, Cem., Weston, WV), s/o Matthew and Minerva (**BLAND**) **EDMISTON**. Mary and Thomas lived in the "Big White House" built in 1830 by Prudence and Elijah **ARNOLD**. Thomas was Asst. Superintendent at the Weston WV Hospital for the Insane.
- b). Allene **ARNOLD** (b. 2 Sep 1852; d. 5 Nov 1855 of scarlet fever, in Weston, Lewis Co., WV).
- c). Floride "Flodie" **ARNOLD** (b. 2 Jul 1854 Weston, WV; d. 23 Jun 1919, bur. **ARNOLD** Hill Cem., Weston, Lewis Co., WV) m. 15 Apr 1885 Lewis Co., WV, John Harper **McCLELLEN** (b. 9 Dec 1847 Greene Co., PA; d. 6 Aug 1887 Louisville, KY, bur. Arnold Hill Cem., Weston, Lewis Co., WV). Flodie was a member of DAR (Vol. 67, p. 187). John was a civil engineer with the B&O RR and lived in Cincinnati, OH.
- d). Douglas **ARNOLD** (b. 10 May 1856 Weston, WV; d. Dec 1856 of spinal infection in Weston, WV).
- e). William Edward **ARNOLD** (b. 14 Apr 1859; d. young bef. 1870).
- f). Susan **ARNOLD** (b. 22 Nov 1860; d. 22 Jul 1862).
- g). Wilson A. **ARNOLD** (b. 19 Dec 1862 Lewis Co., WV; d. 27 Nov 1933 Jackson's Mills, Lewis Co., WV, bur. Arnold Hill Cem., Weston, Lewis Co., WV) m. #1 Gertude Patricia **DAVISSON** (b. ca 1870 Lewis Co., WV; d. 10 Oct 1894 Lewis Co., WV of consumption), d/o George and Elizabeth **DAVISSON**. M. #2 Mrs. Rhoda Lee **GARRETT**.
- h). **ARNOLD** child d. young.

3. Mary Elizabeth **ARNOLD** (b. 6 Dec. 1819 Fauquier Co., VA; d. 1 Oct 1907 Roanoke, Lewis Co., WV, bur. Hall Family Cem., Roanoke, WV, later moved to Forest Lawn Cem., Weston, WV) m. 9 Dec 1844 Lewis Co., WV Joseph **HALL** (b. 18 Jan 1820, Skin Creek, Lewis Co., WV; d. 2 Feb 1885 at home in Roanoke, Lewis Co., WV, bur. Hall Family Cem., Roanoke, WV, later moved to Forest Lawn Cem., Weston, WV), s/o Jonathan Strange and Elizabeth (**REGGER**) **HALL**.

Elizabeth (**ARNOLD**) **HALL** attended school in Clarksburg. Joseph **HALL** was a prominent farmer, ran a store and was Postmaster at Bushes Mills, Lewis Co., WV. Elizabeth laid off a town near her home and her brother William E. **ARNOLD** gave it the name "Roanoke" after Roanoke, VA.

- a). Jonathan "John" Elijah **HALL** (b. 18 Feb 1846 Roanoke, WV; d. 8 Nov 1914 Atlee, Hanover Co., VA, bur. Lebanon Churchyard, Peaks, VA) m. 21 Oct 1884 Cabin Creek, Lewis Co., KY Mrs. Florence Ann (**ROWLAND**) **WILSON** (b. 11 Jun 1853 Lewis Co., KY; d. 9 Apr 1893 Poplar Flat, Lewis Co., KY, bur. Ebenezer Churchyard, Poplar Flat, KY), d/o William B. and Mary Francis (**DeATLEY**) **ROWLAND**.
- b). Anzina "Anna" **HALL** (b. 18 May 1848 Lewis Co., WV; d. 2 Jun 1927 Manchester, OH) m. 27 Nov 1884 Robert Newton **RAMSEY**, s/o William and Martha **RAMSEY**.
- c). George William **HALL** (b. 2 Aug 1853 Roanoke, WV; d. 4 Aug 1922 Roanoke, WV, bur. Hall Family Cem., Roanoke, WV, later moved to Forest Lawn Cem., Weston, WV) m. Mary Virginia **CHRISTIAN** (b. 29 Sep 1860; d. 1 Mar 1955, bur. Hall Family Cem., Roanoke, WV, later moved to Forest Lawn Cem., Weston, WV), d/o Dr. Edmund O. **CHRISTIAN**.
- d). Helen Eliza **HALL** (b. 18 Mar 1857; d. bef. Aug 1900) m. 23 Sep 1884 George **CLARK**, s/o G. B. and M. **CLARK**; res. Dearborn, MO in 1914.
- e). Mary C. **HALL** (b. Jul 1859; d. 19 Jan 1914 Leo Province, Alberta, Canada) m. 14 Feb 1888 Lewis Co., WV, William **JONES**, s/o Daniel and Ann **JONES** of Douglas Co.
- f). Charles C. **HALL** (b. 4 Jul 1860 Lewis Co., WV) single, went west and died bef. 1907.

4. Porter Mandeville **ARNOLD** (b. 4 Mar 1821/22 in Fauquier Co., VA; d. 22 Nov 1861 Jacksonville, Lewis Co., WV from shot gun wounds after being bushwhacked by William G. **PIERSON** during the Civil War [3], bur. Jacksonville Cem., Lewis Co., WV) m. #1 Susan Jane **ASBURY/ASHBERRY** (b. 1829 Pruntytown, Taylor Co., WV; d. 3 Jul 1858, bur. Jacksonville Cem., Lewis Co., WV), d/o John and Leah **ASHBERRY**; m. #2 30 Jan 1859 Lewis Co., WV, Julia A. **STEPHENSON** (b. ca 1833) of Pendleton Co., VA.

Porter M. **ARNOLD** was educated at Pruntytown College where he met Susan, his first wife. He ran a store in Jacksonville, Lewis Co., WV and was the Postmaster in Jacksonville from 1858-1861. He was a Justice of the Peace and responsible for maintaining law and order during the Civil War when he was shot on 19 Oct 1861 by a lawless gang lead by William **PIERSON**. He died later from these wounds.

- a). Laura Ann **ARNOLD** (b. 1849 Taylor Co., WV; d. 1 Jul 1871 age 21 of consumption) m. 12 Mar 1867 John/James B. **WATSON**.
- b). Cora Ellen **ARNOLD** (b. May 1850) m. William **MARTIN**.
- c). Leah Prudence **ARNOLD** (b. ca 1854) m. Mr. **BENNETT**.
- d). George Jackson **ARNOLD** (b. ca 1860).



5. Sarah Catherine "Kate" **ARNOLD** (b. 1 May 1824 in Fauquier Co., VA; d. 30 Jun 1911 Weston, Lewis Co., WV, bur. Machpelah Cem., Weston, WV) m. 24 May 1849 Charles Swearington **HALL** (b. 4/30 May 1822 Fairmont, WV; d. 7 Jun 1857, Philippi, WV).

Sarah **ARNOLD** educated at Clarksburg. Charles S. **HALL** was a prominent attorney in Philippi, Upshur Co., WV. Sarah lived with her brother, George J. **ARNOLD**, after Charles' death.

- a). Ella **HALL** (b. 6 Aug 1850 Philippi, WV; d. 25 Jul 1924 Lewis Co., WV) Single; adopted two of her brother's children William and Catherine.
- b). William Dexter **HALL** (b. 9 Mar 1852 pr. Philippi, WV; d. 31 Aug 1900 at home near Kitsonville, Lewis Co., WV, bur. Machpelah Cem. Weston, WV) m. Ida **BLACK**.

6. John George **ARNOLD** (b. 1 Feb 1826 in Fauquier Co., VA; d. 30 Oct 1907 at home Weston, Lewis Co., WV, bur. Machpelah Cem., Weston, WV) m. #1 22 May 1855 Lucy Ann **BAILEY** (b. 1837 Harrison Co., WV; d. 18 Jan 1877 Lewis Co., WV) of Weston, d/o John and Catherine (**BASTABLE**) **BAILEY**; m. #2 on 16 Apr 1879 Artemissia **BUTCHER** (b. 1839 Lewis Co., WV; d. 24 Oct 1914 at age 82, bur. Machpelah Cem., Weston, WV), d/o John **BUTCHER**.

John George **ARNOLD** was educated in Pruntytown, WV. He was a prominent farmer and ran a store in Jacksonville, Lewis Co., WV. He also was a Postmaster and Justice of Peace in Jacksonville.

- a). Ada **ARNOLD** (b. 5 Nov 1856; d. 11 Dec 1861 Lewis Co., WV).
- b). Charles B. **ARNOLD** (b. 12 Dec 1858; d. 13 Mar 1883 Lewis Co. WV at age 25 of suicide, bur. Machpelah Cem., Weston, WV).
- c). Georgianna "Jean" **ARNOLD** (b. 9 Sep 1860) m. John Morrow.
- d). Florence A. "Florena" **ARNOLD** (b. Dec 1862 (tombstone) calculated 8 Jan 1863; d. 20 Sep 1886 at residence of John S. **FISHER**, Buckhannon, Upshur Co., WV, age 23y8m12d, bur. Machpelah Cem., Weston, WV) .

7. Harriet "Ann" **ARNOLD** (b. 23 Oct 1831 Jacksonville, Lewis Co., WV; d. 2 Nov 1911, bur. Heavner Cem. Buckhannon, Upshur Co., WV) m. at Weston, WV 12 Dec 1860 John Strother **FISHER** (b. 1 Oct 1821 Rockbridge Co. VA; d. 9 Sep 1893 Buckhannon, WV, bur. Heavner Cem., Buckhannon, Upshur Co., WV) of Rockbridge Co., VA, s/o Martin and Rose **FISHER**.

John S. **FISHER** was educated at Washington and Lee College, Lexington, VA. He was a teacher and admitted to the bar before 1858 when he moved to the western part of Virginia, first in Ritchie Co. then in Buckhannon, Upshur Co. He was a successful lawyer in Buckhannon. His oratory was of a style of Henry **CLAY**. He served as Prosecuting Attorney of Upshur Co. for a term.

- a). **FISHER** Infant (b. dead 2 Jun 1862).

- b). Wade Hampton **FISHER** (b. May 1864 Upshur Co., WV) m. 24 Dec 1889 Ella **NEWLON** (b. ca 1867; d. 10 Apr 1941, age 74), d/o G. A. and A. E. **NEWLON**. Wade was an attorney in Buckhannon, Upshur Co., WV, admitted to the bar in 1888.
- c). Maude Strother **FISHER** (b. 1 May 1866 Upshur Co., WV; d. 1951, bur. Heavner Cem., Buckhannon, Upshur Co., WV) m. 12 Aug 1890 Charles Ogilvie **LATHAM** (b. 1858 Taylor Co., WV; d. 1942), s/o Col. G. R. and Caroline A. **LATHAM**. Charles was a lumber man.
- d). Mary Arnold **FISHER** (b. 3 June 1867 Buckhannon, Upshur Co., WV; d. 1950, bur. Heavner Cem. Buckhannon, Upshur Co., WV) probably single.
- e). Grace Lee **FISHER** (b. 15 Dec 1868 Upshur Co., WV; d. 1956, bur. Heavner Cem., Buckhannon, Upshur Co., WV) m. 9 June 1897 Upshur Co., WV Thomas Franklin **MORGAN** (b. 1869 Richmond, VA; d. 1946, bur. Heavner Cem., Buckhannon, Upshur Co., WV) res. Washington, DC, s/o James M. and F. A. **MORGAN**.
- f). John Howard **FISHER** (b. 5 Oct 1870 Buckhannon, Upshur Co., WV; d. 16 Feb 1933) m. #1 23 May 1900 Berta L. **BOND** (b. ca 1883), d/o A. L. and Barbara E. **BOND**. M #2 bef. 1907 Lynn F. "Linnie" **REGER** (b. 1 Mar 1889; d. 5 Jun 1917), d/o Mary J. and J. B. **REGER**. [Researchers disagree on his marriages.] John operated a jewelry store across from post office in Buckhannon.

8. Henrietta Jane "Hattie" **ARNOLD** (b. Mar 1833 Collins Settlement, Lewis Co., WV; d. 21 Mar 1912 Weston, Lewis Co., WV at age 79 at home in Weston, Lewis Co., WV, bur. Machpelah Cem., Weston, WV) m. in Weston 22 Dec 1858 Judge Henry Weston **BRANNON** (b. 26 Nov 1837 Winchester, VA; d. 24 Nov 1914 at home in Weston, Lewis Co., WV, bur. Machpelah Cem., Weston, WV) of near Winchester, VA.

Henry **BRANNON** located in Weston in 1858; graduated from University of Virginia in 1859; admitted to bar in 1859 and was Prosecuting Attorney during Civil War 1860-1865. He served in the WV House of Delegates from 1870-1871. He was Judge of 11th Judicial District 1881-1889; Supreme Court of Appeals of WV 1889-1905. He was author of "Treaties on Rights and Privileges" under the Fourteenth Amendment of the U. S. Constitution.

- a). Ida Jackson **BRANNON** (b. 1860; d. 1949, bur. Machpelah Cem., Weston, WV) m. Dr. John Irvin **WARDER** (b. 1856; d. 9 Feb 1919 age 62y6m8d of heart disease, bur. Machpelah Cem., Weston, WV)
- b). Mary Hortense "Mamie" **BRANNON** (b. May 1864; d. Huntington, WV, bur. Machpelah Cem., Weston, WV) m. James Joseph **WHELAN** (b. 1866; d. 5 May 1886 Thomasville, GA of consumption, bur. Machpelah Cem., Weston, WV)
- c). Alice Gertrude **BRANNON** (b. May 1866; d. 17 Apr 1930 Lewis Co., WV age 63y11m9d, bur. Machpelah Cem., Weston, WV) m. ca 1895 James Hoffman **EDWARDS** (b. Mar 1867; d. 1937).
- d). Edward Arnold **BRANNON** (b. 4 Apr 1870; d. 1942, bur. Machpelah Cem., Weston, WV) m. Irma K. **COWEY**.

e). Ella M. **BRANNON** (b. 1862) m. in 1883 Dr. Frank J. **FLANNERY** (b. 1858) of Baltimore, MD. Their dau. Eleanor Brannon **FLANNERY** was member of DAR (Vol. 70, p. 318).

f). Henry **BRANNON**, Jr. (b. Apr 1874; d. 14 Aug 1905 of pistol shot, bur. Machpelah Cem. Weston, WV) attorney.

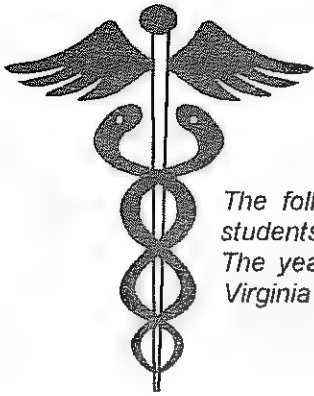
Elijah **ARNOLD** and Prudence (**JACKSON**) **ARNOLD** are buried in **ARNOLD** Hill Cemetery, Weston, Lewis Co., WV.

#### Notes

1. *The Genealogies of the JACKSON, JUNKIN & MORRISON Families* compiled by Michael I. **SHOOP**, 1981, published by the Garland Gray Memorial Research Center, Stonewall **Jackson** House, Historic Lexington Foundation, Lexington, VA, page 155.
2. Fauquier Co., VA Deed Book 18, p 803.
3. Document about John **JACKSON** and descendants. The cover says written by Col. Jackson **ARNOLD**. Document added to by Mary Prudence (**McCLELLAN**) **O'HARA** and possibly others, pages 32-41. Found in HCPD Library, Horner, Lewis Co., WV.
4. Valuable information on the children and grandchildren from extensive notes by Linda **BRAKE MEYERS** who used cemetery readings, censuses, deeds, county records, obituaries and other sources. Ada Lea Fitz supplied valuable information on the line of Mary Elizabeth (**ARNOLD**) **HALL**.
5. George Jackson **ARNOLD** is the main character in a hunting story related in "The Pioneers" by John Strange **HALL**, originally appearing in a local Weston, WV newspaper and reprinted by HCPD, Horner, WV, 1996, pages 1-5.
6. "History of Walkersville, West Virginia" by Clark **SPRIGG**, written in late 1940's, reprinted by HCPD, Horner, WV, page 17.
7. "Prominent Men of West Virginia", originally published in 1890, pages 475-476.
8. "Sketch on George Jackson **ARNOLD**" by his grandson, Raymond **ARNOLD**, May 31, 1981.
9. Lewis Co., WV Deed Book 6, page 151 and page 261.

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